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Bengaluru Central Prison best in country

BENGALURU

The central prison at Parappana Agrahara was adjudged the best prison at the 6th All India Prison Duty Meet in Prison Hygiene Competition on Sunday. Around 1,319 prisons from across all States and UTs participated in the contest.

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Yeshaswini relaunch: Cong. pulls up govt.

BENGALURU

Ahead of the proposed relaunch of the Yeshaswini health scheme on October 2, the Congress on Tuesday taunted the BJP government for being ill-prepared, though there are only about 20 days left for the day of the relaunch.

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Vande Bharat likely from Bengaluru to three cities

BENGALURU

At a time when indigenous semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express is creating a lot of hype, SWR has proposed to the Railway Board for operating the trains on three routes connecting Bengaluru: Bengaluru to Coimbatore, Bengaluru to Chennai, and Bengaluru to Hubballi.

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India, China confirm withdrawal of troops from PP-15 in Ladakh

This disengagement marks a step forward to end the stand-off since May 2020

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India and China on Tuesday carried out verification to confirm withdrawal of troops from Patrolling Point (PP) 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area of eastern Ladakh, marking the completion of the disengagement there, sources said on Tuesday.

"Both sides have completed disengagement at PP-15 in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas," a defence source said. Verification was carried out to ensure compliance, including aerial surveillance, another source added.

However, details and modalities of the disengagement were not available. In the past, buffer zones were created at the friction points as per the understanding at the Corps Commanders level with no patrolling to be undertaken by both sides till overall disengagement and de-escalation is achieved after which the two sides are to work out new patrolling norms.

Further talks

Last Thursday, the two countries announced that their Armies have begun to disengage from PP-15 in Gogra-Hot Springs, marking a step forward to end the stand-off since May 2020. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had said that the two countries will take up remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) once the ongoing disengagement at PP-15 is complete.

However, while India maintains that friction points at Demchok and Depsang remain, China has refused to accept them as legacy issues predating the 2020 stand-off. Demchok is one of the two mutually agreed disputed areas in eastern Ladakh, while Depsang is one of the eight friction points in the area. In Demchok, while there are varying claims in the Charding La area, China has set up tents on this side of Charding *nala*.

Beijing had welcomed the disengagement at PP-15 as "a positive development", but reiterated that it would not accept India's demand for restoration of status quo ante prior to the stand-off saying that "the status quo of April 2020... was created by India's illegal crossing of the LAC".

As reported earlier, since the beginning of the stand-off there has been heavy Chinese presence in the Depsang plains, at a crucial area called the Bulge and PLA troops have also been blocking Indian Army patrols from reaching the PPs 10, 11, 11A, 12 and 13, located on the Limit of Patrolling which lies much before the LAC. As reported by *The Hindu*, according to senior officials, Indian Army last accessed the PPs in Depsang in January-February 2020.

The Chinese build-up threatens Indian positions at Burtse and Raki *nala*, which are well inside the Indian territory, and further at Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) by bringing Chinese troops closer to the 255-km-long crucial Darbuk-Shyok-DBO road.

Easing tensions: Army chief General Manoj Pande with the troops during the Parvat Prahar exercise in eastern Ladakh, amid the ongoing disengagement with China on the LAC. • PTI

EC delists 86 parties, deems 253 inactive

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday ordered the delisting of 86 registered unrecognised political parties it found to be "non-existent" and declared 253 others "inactive", it said in a statement.

The commission, comprising Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey, acted against the 253 parties based on reports by the Chief Electoral Officers of Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

"These 253 [parties] have been declared inactive, as they have not responded to the letter/notice delivered to them and have not contested a single election either to the General Assembly of a State or the Parliament Election 2014 and 2019," the EC said. Among these were at least 14 from Tamil Nadu, 34 from U.P., 33 from Delhi, nine from Telangana and six from Karnataka.

The 86 parties that were deleted from the list of registered parties were found to be non-existent after a physical check by the CEOs or based on report of undelivered letters or notices, the EC said. The EC has taken action against 537 such parties since May 25.

Iran may urge India to restart oil import

Modi to meet Raisi on sidelines of SCO

Resetting ties | Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to meet Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Samarkand on Friday

- Leaders are expected to discuss oil, Chabahar, regional connectivity and bilateral issues
- Tehran may propose restoration of Indian oil imports from Iran, which were cancelled due to U.S. sanctions in 2018-19

• The Chabahar port in Iran

- Iran may cite India's stand on continuing import of Russian oil despite U.S. sanctions. Iran accounted for 12% of Indian oil imports before 2018

SUHASINI HAIDAR
TASHKENT

Iran will nudge India towards reviving its procurement of discounted Iranian sweet crude during a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi that is likely to take place this Friday on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand.

This will be the first time the two leaders will meet since Mr. Raisi's election last year, as Iran joins the SCO as a member this year. The question of India's oil imports from Iran, which were cancelled in 2018-19, and the next stage of Chabahar port development are expected to be on the agenda for bilateral talks.

Mr. Modi is also expected to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. All eyes will be on any contact with the Chinese President, their first since the LAC stand-off, and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, whom he would be meeting for the first time since he took over.

The discussion over India's oil purchases from Iran has been revived four years after New Delhi decided to "zero out" or cancel its oil imports from Iran under the threat of U.S. sanctions. However, soaring oil prices and the U.S.'s current focus on sanctions against Russia may trigger a rethink, analysts have suggested.

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J&K SI recruitment scam: CBI searches 36 locations

Former JKSSB chief under scanner

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Several teams of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches at 36 locations in different States on Tuesday in the Jammu and Kashmir Sub-Inspector recruitment scam.

A CBI spokesman said the searches were carried out in Jammu and Srinagar, Haryana's Karnal, Mahendragarh and Rewari, Gujarat's Gandhidham, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad and Karnataka's Bengaluru.

"The premises of former Chairman and Controller Examination of the J&K Service Selection Board (JKSSB), gang members domiciled in Haryana, certain teachers, some serving and retired officials of J&K Police, including a DSP, and CRPF, were searched during the on-going investigation," the CBI said.

Incriminating documents and digital evidence had so far been recovered during the searches, it added.

The CBI had registered a case on August 3, 2022 on the request of the J&K government against 33 accused, including then Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura; then member, JKSSB; then Under Secretary, then Section Officer (both of JKSSB); Ex-official of CRPF; ASI of J&K Police; owner of a coaching centre, Akhnoor; private company based at Bengaluru; private persons and unknown others.

There were allegations of irregularities in the written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors in the J&K Police conducted on March 27, 2022. The results were declared on June 4, 2022.

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Two to three years needed to develop rajakaluves: CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As many as 633 rajakaluves run a length of 859.9 km in various constituencies in Bengaluru city, and two to three years would be required to develop them by removing encroachments using ₹1,800 crore sanctioned for the purpose, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

In a reply to Krishna Byre Gowda of the Congress during the question hour, Mr. Bommai said an order had been issued to install sluice gates for 160 lakes in the city for management of flow of water. Construction of buildings by encroaching rajakaluves was the major factor for flooding in the IT corridor in the first week of September, he said.

450 km in 20 years

Pointing out that 450 km of rajakaluve work had been completed in the past 20 years, he said he had set aside ₹1,500 crore in the Budget and additionally earmarked ₹300 crore for development of rajakaluves. Tenders for work had been finalised but work had been delayed owing to continuous rains.

Breach of lakes

The IT corridor in the city was inundated owing to breach of lakes in Mahadevapura and Varthur. Moreover, 110 villages had been added a decade ago to the BBMP. A master plan has been redrawn for developing lakes in the city, Mr. Bommai said.

Aravind Limbavali, who represents Mahadevapura constituency, urged the Chief Minister not to stop demolition of properties located on encroached rajakaluves.

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MGNREGS social audits marred by delays

In four States, auditors' wages delayed as funds from Centre were yet to arrive

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Union Rural Development Ministry (MoRD) has told States that failure to carry out social audit of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) will invite action, including withholding of funds. However, it is the Centre that bears the administrative cost of these Social Audit Units, and inordinate delay in the release of funds has left many of these cash-strapped units nearly paralysed.

According to the report titled 'Social audit calendar vs audits completed' released on September 13 by the MoRD, only 14.29% of the planned audits have been completed in this financial year.

Tough going: Only 14.29% of the planned audits were completed in 2022-23, says MoRD report. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu made enquiries in four States – Kerala, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, which are ruled either by the BJP or its rival parties. The Social Audit Units of these States had not received the administrative funds that the Centre owes them, and whatever little has come about has been delayed. Because of this, in Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, auditors' wages have been delayed by three months to one year.

The original MGNREG Act had provisions for social audit, though the auditing standards were issued only on December 19, 2016. According to them, every Social Audit Unit is entitled to funds equivalent to 0.5% of the MGNREGS expenditure incurred by the State in the previous year. The audit involves quality checks of infrastructure created under the MGNREGS, financial misappropriation in wages, and checking for any procedural deviations.

This fund is released by the Centre in four tranches. The BJP-ruled Himachal Pradesh, for example, received ₹1.3 crore – the first instalment of this financial year – only last week.

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Sunflower oil imports

89.6 The % by which India's imports of sunflower oil jumped in August according to the Solvent Extractors Association. India, the world's leading vegetable oil buyer, is dependent on imports of sunflower oil, which constitutes 16% of the total edible oil imports. Before the Russia-Ukraine crisis, 70% of the sunflower oil imported by India used to come from Ukraine, while 20% came from Russia. After the Ukraine crisis, Russia and Argentina have emerged as major suppliers of sunflower oil to India. PTI

Losses due to floods

40 In $ billion, the estimated economic loss and damage to Pakistan due to the recent cataclysmic floods that have ravaged the country. The new number is far higher than the $30 billion figure given by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres who was in the country on a solidarity visit last week. Over 33 million people have been affected by the floods who immediately require assistance, far more than the initial ₹25,000 cash handout. If losses increase to $40 billion, it means that the GDP growth this year can turn negative. PTI

Migrant crossings

28,561 The number of people who have made the dangerous crossing across the Channel to the U.K. from northern France. More migrants have crossed the Channel, which is one of the world's busiest shipping routes, so far this year than in the whole of 2021. The 2022 figure to date is nearly double the number that had been detected by this point last year, which was just under 14,500. Irregular migration is a thorny political issue for the U.K. government. AFP

Armenian soldiers killed

50 The number of Armenian soldiers who have been killed in the worst clashes with Azerbaijan since their war two years ago. After several hours of fierce border fighting, Armenia appealed to world leaders for help, saying Azerbaijani forces were trying to advance on its territory. The fighting was the worst since the end of a 2020 war between the ex-Soviet republics over the contested Nagorno-Karabakh region that left more than 6,500 dead on both sides. Russia said it had succeeded in bringing the clashes to a halt. AFP

Long COVID symptoms

17 In million, the number of people in the European Union who may have experienced long COVID-19 symptoms during the first two years of the coronavirus pandemic, with women more likely than men to suffer from the condition, according to the World Health Organization. The research was unclear on whether the symptoms that linger, recur or first appear at least one month after a coronavirus infection were more common in vaccinated or unvaccinated people. One-in-three women and one-in-five men are likely to develop long COVID-19. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The fall in natural rubber prices in India

Why are natural rubber farmers protesting against the government? What has led to the decline in prices?

THE GIST

- After a moderate post-pandemic revival, the price of natural rubber (NR) has crashed to a 16-month low of ₹150 per kg (RSS grade 4) in the Indian market. Under the aegis of the National Consortium of Regional Federations of Rubber Producer Societies India, a day-long sit-in protest was staged in front of the Rubber Board headquarters in Kottayam, Kerala, last week.
- The current fall in prices is attributed primarily to a weak Chinese demand and the European energy crisis, along with high inflation and an import glut, among other things.
- The Rubber Board professes to be relatively sanguine as it regards the price fluctuation as cyclical and rests its hopes on the projections of a remarkable shortage of rubber seven years from now.

HIRAN UNNIKRISHNAN

The story so far: After a moderate post-pandemic revival, the price of natural rubber (NR) has crashed to a 16-month low of ₹150 per kg (RSS grade 4) in the Indian market. The price of latex, which soared during the pandemic due to huge demand from glove makers, took a more severe drubbing with its prices rolling down below ₹120. With the impact of the falling prices beginning to reflect in their daily lives as well as the local economy, the growers are up in arms against the authorities for their perceived delay in checking the slide. Under the aegis of the National Consortium of Regional Federations of Rubber Producer Societies India, an umbrella organisation for rubber growers, a day-long sit-in protest was staged in front of the Rubber Board headquarters in Kottayam, Kerala, last week.

What has caused the sharp fall in prices?

The current fall in prices is attributed primarily to a weak Chinese demand and the European energy crisis, along with high inflation and an import glut, among other things. While the unremitting zero COVID strategy in China, which consumes about 42% of the global volume, has cost the industry dearly, analysts have also flagged the acceleration of imports.

The domestic tyre industry, according to them, is sitting pretty on an ample inventory, especially in the form of block rubber from the Ivory Coast and compounded rubber from the Far East.

Where does India stand in terms of the production and consumption of natural rubber?

India is currently the world's fifth largest producer of natural rubber while it also remains the second biggest consumer of the material globally. (About 40% of India's total natural rubber consumption is currently met through imports)

A latest report by the Rubber Board has projected the natural rubber production and consumption in India during 2022-23 as 8,50,000 tonnes and 12,90,000 tonnes respectively. The production of the material improved by 8.4%, to 7,75,000 tonnes, during 2021-22 compared to 7,15,000 tonnes in the previous year. An increase in yield, tappable area and area tapped during the year contributed to the rise in production.

The impact of the price fall is felt more in the rural areas, where most people are solely dependent on rubber cultivation and have no other option but to cut expenses

On the demand side, the domestic consumption rose by 12.9%, to 12,38,000 tonnes in 2021-22 from 10,96,410 tonnes in the previous year. The auto-tyre manufacturing sector accounted for 73.1% of the total quantity of natural rubber consumption. Import of the material, meanwhile, increased to 5,46,369 tonnes from 4,10,478 tonnes.

How does the falling price affect the growers?

The turnaround has exposed the growers – mostly small and medium scale – to a painful reckoning, contributing to wide-spread panic in Kerala, which accounts for nearly 75% of the total production. The precipitous plunge in prices coupled with high costs have also left them staring at an uncertain future, forcing some to stop production for the time being.

The impact of the price fall is felt more in the rural areas, where most people are solely dependent on rubber cultivation and have no other option but to cut expenses. This has caused a sluggishness in the respective local economies, which also coincided with the festive season in Kerala.

If a reversal in prices seem distant, the trend may also trigger a crop switch or even a fragmentation of the rubber holdings in the long run.

What do the farmers demand?

The key demands they have raised to the Union government include raising the import duties on latex products and compound rubber to make it on par with natural rubber, by either 25% or ₹30 per kg, whichever is lower.

Its demands to the state government are to raise the replanting subsidy in Kerala, which remains at ₹25,000 per ha, and the support price of the crop under the price stabilisation scheme to ₹200 from ₹170.

• H. VIBHU

What are the other implications of falling rubber prices in Kerala?

As ripple effects of the price crash slowly unfold in the local economy, the issue has also assumed a new dimension in the Central Travancore districts – a political landscape crystallised through the anguish and anger among the rubber farmers over the past several decades. Expectedly, the sparring Kerala Congress factions were the first to take up the cudgels on their behalf.

While Jose K. Mani, chairman of the Kerala Congress (M) has urged the Kerala government to hike the support price for the material to ₹200, P.C. Thomas, working chairman of the Kerala Congress, called for the constitution of a special fund to support the growers. Sensing trouble, the Bharatiya Janata Party, which governs the Centre and is responsible for the policy decisions on NR, has appealed against turning rubber into a 'political crop'.

How is the Rubber Board reacting?

Amidst all the gloom, the Rubber Board professes to be relatively sanguine as it regards the price fluctuation as cyclical and rests its hopes on the projections of a remarkable shortage of rubber seven years from now due to slow replanting in place of old trees in existing plantations. The agency, for the time being, is said to be also working on a set of programmes to arrest the free-falling of prices.

EXPLAINER

Understanding windfall tax

Why has the Union government introduced such a tax recently? What are the benefits of imposing this tax?

DIKSHA MUNJAL

The story so far: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on September 2, defended the windfall tax imposed by the Centre on domestic crude oil producers, saying that it was not an ad hoc move but was done after full consultation with the industry.

What is a windfall tax?

Windfall taxes are designed to tax the profits a company derives from an external, sometimes unprecedented event – for instance, the energy price-rise as a result of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. These are profits that cannot be attributed to something the firm actively did, like an investment strategy or an expansion of business. The U.S. Congressional Research Service (CRS) defines a windfall as an "unearned, unanticipated gain in income through no additional effort or expense".

Governments typically levy this as a one-off tax retrospectively over and above the normal rates of tax. One area where such taxes have routinely been discussed is oil markets, where price fluctuation leads to volatile or erratic profits for the industry. There have been varying rationales for governments worldwide to introduce windfall taxes, from redistribution of unexpected gains when high prices benefit producers at the expense of consumers, to funding social welfare schemes, and as a supplementary revenue stream for the government.

The Central government on July 1, introduced a windfall profit tax of ₹23,250 per tonne on domestic crude oil production, which was subsequently revised fortnightly four times so far. The latest revision was on August 31, when it was hiked to ₹13,300 per tonne from ₹13,000. Ms. Sitharaman explained the introduction of the windfall tax as a way to rein in the "phenomenal profits" made by some oil refiners who chose to export fuel to reap the benefits of skyrocketing global prices which affected domestic supplies.

Why are countries levying windfall taxes now?

Prices of oil, gas, and coal have seen sharp increases since last year and in the first two quarters of the current year, although they have reduced recently. Pandemic recovery and supply issues resulting from the Russia-Ukraine conflict shored up energy demands, which in turn have driven up global prices. The rising prices meant huge and record profits for energy companies while resulting in hefty gas and electricity bills for households in major and smaller economies. Since the gains stemmed partly from external change, multiple analysts have called them windfall profits.

A refinery of Reliance Industries at Jamnagar, Ahmedabad. • AFP

In early August, Antonio Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General, sharply criticised the "grotesque greed" of big oil and gas companies for making record profits from the global energy crisis on the back of the world's poorest people. He said it was "immoral" that the largest energy companies in the first quarter of the year made combined profits of close to $100 billion. The UN chief urged all governments to tax these excessive profits "and use the funds to support the most vulnerable people through these difficult times."

In July, India announced a windfall tax on domestic crude oil producers who it believed were reaping the benefits of the high oil prices. It also imposed an additional excise levy on diesel, petrol and air turbine fuel (ATF) exports. Also, India's case was different from other countries, as it was still importing discounted Russian oil. Sources told *The Hindu Business Line* that the windfall tax was targeted mainly at Reliance Industries Ltd and Russian oil major Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy, who the government believed were making a killing on exporting large volumes of fuel made from discounted Russian oil at the cost of the domestic market. Analysts also saw the windfall tax as a way for the Centre to narrow the country's widened trade deficit.

What are the issues with imposing such taxes?

Analysts say that companies are confident in investing in a sector if there is certainty and stability in a tax regime. Since windfall taxes are imposed retrospectively and are often influenced by unexpected events, they can brew uncertainty in the market about future taxes. Stuart Adam, a senior economist at the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London, told *Deutsche Welle* (DW) that he isn't keen on such taxes. "It's better to say in advance how much tax you are going to levy in different circumstances and then do it rather than creating sudden one-off surprises in the tax system." German economist Andreas Peichl told *Reuters* that such taxes are populist and politically opportune in the short term.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), which released an advice note on how windfall taxes need to be levied also said that taxes in response to price surges may suffer from design problems–given their expedient and political nature. It added that "introducing a temporary windfall profit tax reduces future investment because prospective investors will internalise the likelihood of potential taxes when making investment decisions".

There is another argument about what exactly constitutes true windfall profits; how can it be determined and what level of profit is normal or excessive. A CRS report, for instance, argues that if rapid increases in prices lead to higher profits, in one sense it can be called true windfalls as they are unforeseeable but on the other hand, companies may argue that it is the profit they earned as a reward for the industry's risk-taking to provide the end user with the petroleum product. Another issue is who should be taxed – only the big companies responsible for the bulk of high-priced sales or smaller companies as well– raising the question of whether producers with revenues or profits below a certain threshold should be exempt.

THE GIST

- Windfall taxes are designed to tax the profits a company derives from an external, sometimes unprecedented event – for instance, the energy price-rise as a result of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
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Bengaluru Central Prison adjudged best in the country

Competition had many parameters, including quality of food

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The central prison at Parappana Agrahara was adjudged the best prison at the 6th All India Prison Duty Meet in Prison Hygiene Competition on Sunday.

Around 1,319 prisons from across all States and Union Territories participated in the contest, which was held in Ahmedabad recently. The second prize was bagged by a central prison in Andhra Pradesh while the third prize was won by a central prison in Tamil Nadu.

The competition had many parameters, including quality of food, livelihood and health of prisoners, cleanliness inside the prison compound, maintenance of toilets and bathrooms, safety, security, and duty deployment – all of which were surveyed as part of the competition.

A team of five officials, led by the Assistant Director of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), New Delhi, had come to Parappana Agrahara on August 26 to inspect the jail.

"The officials communicated with the prisoners.

The Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

The records maintained by the central prison officials were also checked by the team. They even interacted and monitored the condition of the prisoners and took pictures. Action taken by the jail officials for good prison administration was reviewed. They also visited the prison industries, and discussed the future plans of the prison officials," said prison officials.

Later, at the 6th All India Prison Duty Meet 2022, which was was held at Ahmedabad from September 4 to 6, officials from prisons across the country, including a team from Karnataka, participated.

"It is a matter of pride that Karnataka State Prisons team won four gold medals, three silver medals and two bronze medals in various professional events in the duty meet. As a part of the meet, there was also a competition on hygiene and upkeep of prisons in the country. A Special Committee of Prison Officers nominated by the organisers of the duty meet visited various prisons in different states in the country," the prison officials said. Apart from the Bengaluru Central Prison, all the 8 Central Prisons in Karnataka have been awarded with '4 star' rating by the FSSAI between October 2021 and March 2022, the officials added.

Illegally appointed teachers were in service for years

One of them was working since 2012-13; prime accused was arrested on Sept. 6

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

RECRUITMENT SCAM

As the Department of School Education and Literacy suspended K.S. Prasad, First Division Clerk (FDA) of the Bengaluru division Deputy Director's office on Monday, after he was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the high school teachers' recruitment scam, more skeletons have started to tumble out of the closet.

The illegally recruited teachers, it has turned out, have been in service for years – in one instance, for a decade – before the controversy came out in the open.

Prasad is the prime accused in the scam and the CID arrested him on September 6. Before him, 12 accused teachers were arrested on the same day. Department sources said three more such cases have also come to light on Tuesday and inquiry is on.

How it happened

The department had issued the notification for recruitment of Assistant Teacher Grade-2 and Physical Education Teacher Grade-1 for Government High Schools for the academic year 2012-13 and completed the recruitment process.

The department then issued the notification for recruitment of Assistant Teacher Grade-2 and Physical Education Teacher Grade-1 for the academic year of 2014-15 and called for applications twice. However, in this recruitment process, the department had allegedly issued appointment orders for 12 members illegally.

Among the 12, some candidates' names were not in the selection list. Some people who got low marks in the recruitment examination also got appointed. This included some candidates who had never applied for the teacher's posts, but got appointed by creating forged documents.

Two with same name

In the 2012-13 academic year too, Mahesh Susaladi got appointed illegally without any application. According to sources, in that particular recruitment process, a candidate by name Mahesh Savadi was selected for the post of 'English Language Assistant Teacher Grade-2' for high school. However, he rejected the post and it remained vacant. With the help of some department officials, Mahesh Susaladi created fake documents and used the application number of Mahesh Savadi and got the job. Recently, the department got complaints from the public about illegal appointment of teachers and conducted a departmental inquiry.

V. Srinivasmurthy, Under Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, lodged a complaint against the accused in Vidhana Soudha police station and the government has entrusted this case to the CID.

PSI in the dock for beating up hotel employee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A Police Sub-Inspector attached to J.J. Nagar station is in the dock for allegedly assaulting a hotel employee over a trivial row on Saturday night.

The victim Syed Bilal, working in Sangam House of Kababs in J.J. Nagar, was standing outside the hotel when PSI Lokesh and his staff started beating him up for not closing on time. Bilal was trying to reason and objected to the assault, which enraged Lokesh to attack him further, said the complaint.

Medico-legal case

Bilal was taken to the hospital and a medico-legal case was registered. The assault was captured on CCTV camera installed in the hotel and it has been doing the rounds on social media.

Domestic workers stage protest

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Jilla Mane Kelasagararе Sangha (Bangalore District Labour Union) affiliated to CITU organised a protest on Tuesday. The protesters came up with a list of demands seeking financial as well as health aids. Selvi, general secretary of the union, said, "The demands were put forth to urge the Labour Department to create a separate welfare board for domestic workers like the Kerala model."

Police seize marijuana, hashish oil worth ₹5 crore

Accused caught while waiting for customers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The K.G. Nagar police unearthed an inter-State drug racket and arrested five persons and recovered 506 kg of marijuana worth ₹2 crore.

The accused were caught by a team of police while they were waiting for their customers in an autorickshaw near Kempambudi lake.

Based on a tip-off, the police arrested Nawaz Pasha, Noor Ahmed, Mubarak, Imran Pasha, and Kiran Bangarappa and recovered 66 kg of marijuana concealed under the autorickshaw seats.

A detailed inquiry led them to confess that they were sourcing the drugs from Bhubaneshwar through their source to peddle in the city. The police raided their house in Kengeri and recovered 440 kg of marijuana.

Investigations revealed that the accused would pack the marijuana in backpacks. They would then transport them in autorickshaws to their house in Kengeri, where they would pack it in small packets to sell it to their customers, P. Krishnakant, DCP, south division, said.

In another incident, the Jayanagar police arrested Nayaz Pasha, Sheshagiri and Sagar Saho and recovered 50 kg of marijuana and six kg of hashish oil worth ₹3 crore in total.

Pasha was peddling drugs sourcing it from his contacts Sheshagiri and Sagar, who were from Goppili village in Andhra Pradesh. Based on the information provided by Pasha, a team of police went to Goppili and managed to nab Sheshagiri and Sagar, while two others managed to escape after pelting stones at the police.

City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy appreciated the police drive against drug peddlers.

Bescom lineman drowns

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Mahesh Gowder, a 38-year-old Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) lineman, drowned in Tippur lake of Gubbi taluk on Saturday morning while attending to power restoration work as supply was interrupted due to heavy rain.

"The fatal mechanical accident occurred at Bidare feeding of Gubbi sub-division. After getting information from the local people, Gowder left for rectification work of faulty F6 Jenigarahalli feeder. To restore the power, he tried to swim in the lake, but could not reach the pole point situated in the middle of the lake, and drowned. His colleagues had alerted him not to do risky adventure, but he jumped into water," said a Bescom release.

Immediate search operations with the help of Fire and Emergency Services personnel were help but they could not trace the body on Saturday. After recovering the body on Sunday morning, postmortem was conducted before handing over the body to his family members. His final rites took place at Bagalkot district on Monday, said Bescom Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi.

Since he died on the line of duty, Bescom released ₹17,000 under life coverage scheme along with death relief fund, and ₹2 lakh will be released immediately to his family, the MD added. "Under workmen compensation scheme, ₹10 lakh will be given to his family and his wife will get a job in Bescom under compassionate ground," Mr. Bilagi said. In addition, New India Assurance Company Limited will give ₹10 lakh of life insurance under group insurance scheme, the he said.

State introduces quota for 'male third gender'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU

In a first for the State, the government has announced reservation for 'male third gender' in recruitment to the armed forces.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Tuesday said the process to recruit constables to fill 3,484 posts in the armed forces has started. "For the first time in the State, 79 posts have been reserved for the male third gender," he said. Transgender activists hailed the move to provide quota.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
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Name of the Work	Approx. Value
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KEYWORD

Cognitive dissonance

A psychological theory that discusses how individuals or groups perceive and manage inconsistencies among beliefs/thoughts and behaviour

THE GIST

- The cognitive dissonance theory was one of the most influential theories in social psychology first proposed by Leon Festinger in his book *A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance* in 1957.
- Cognitive dissonance theory contradicts most behavioural theories that attribute positive changes to higher incentives.
- Cognitive dissonance theory explains how individuals or groups rationalise their support and belief toward different religions, cults or political parties, partially blinding themselves to reduce the contradictions between their thoughts and behaviour.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

The cognitive dissonance theory was one of the most influential theories in social psychology first proposed by Leon Festinger in his book *A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance* in 1957. Festinger's theory was the product of an experiment conducted by him and his colleagues to understand the conflicts between thoughts and behaviour. The theory proposes that inconsistency between one's thoughts and behaviours would lead to an uncomfortable psychological or emotional tension (cognitive dissonance) among individuals/groups which results in them either changing the inconsistent elements to reduce the dissonance or adding consonant elements to restore harmony.

The experiment

The study of a cult by Festinger resulted in the theory of cognitive dissonance. A woman started a cult claiming that she received messages from extraterrestrial aliens that the world would end due to a flood on a specific date and that a flying saucer would arrive to rescue people who believed in the prophecy. Many people joined the cult leaving their families, jobs, money and possessions. Festinger and his colleagues joined the cult to observe how believers would react if and when the prophecy failed.

It was observed that while believers shunned publicity when they were waiting for the flood, immediately after the prophecy failed, most of the group members contacted media and attempted to proselytise many (attempts to lure others into their cult) so as to enlist new believers to obtain social support (consonant elements). Festinger suggested that the disproval of the prophecy created cognitive tension among the believers and to maintain consistency between their thoughts and behaviour, they sought social support. More members were added to the cult to reduce the dissonance created by the disconfirmation of their prophecy.

Forced compliance paradigm

Through a series of experiments, Festinger postulated the forced compliance paradigm, extending the cognitive dissonance theory. In an experiment where the subjects had to perform a series of menial tasks and lie to another person about the tasks being interesting and enjoyable, it was found that the subjects who received $1 to lie did a better job than the ones who received $20. Festinger explained that this was because the subjects who were paid more did not experience dissonance, as they were rewarded well and had ample justification for lying. Whereas the subjects who were paid a mere dollar experienced dissonance and to justify their experience, they re-evaluated the menial tasks as enjoyable, making their lie more believable to others (as the subject believed in it themselves).

The experiment shows that in an attempt to reduce dissonance, the attitude towards it changes, more likely in the direction of less incentive. Cognitive dissonance theory, in this regard, contradicts most behavioural theories that attribute positive changes to higher incentives.

Resolving dissonance

Festinger explained that there were different ways in which individuals or groups resolved cognitive dissonance to best suit their situations. One could change one's thoughts, change one's behaviour to match one's thoughts, add a thought to justify the behaviour or trivialise the inconsistency between thoughts and behaviour.

There are various ways to resolve cognitive dissonance, but mostly people tend to justify their behaviour by either adding consonant elements or negating contradictory or inconsistent thoughts

Let's take the example of X- a 25-year old-graduate (unemployed) who has newly started supporting a political party. He follows the political party as he believes in their promises of providing better job opportunities and development for youngsters in the country if they came to power. His party wins the elections. Despite five years of governance by his party, no significant changes occur in the employment sector and X is still unemployed. As the next elections approach, the political party members request his support. In such a situation, what would X do?

X can change his thought about the situation- He looks at his neighbours B and C, who are also graduates. They have started a chai shop and samosa shop respectively, in their street. X concludes that though not in a conventional sense, jobs were created after his party came into power, changing his opinion about the situation, and reducing the inconsistency in his belief. He will still vote for the same political party with a change in his perspective.

X can change his behaviour towards the situation- He understands and accepts that the promises made by the political party he supported were false and decides not to trust them anymore. Thus, he changes his behaviour and attitude towards the situation and does not vote for the political party already in power, which had deceived him with promises of better job opportunities and development.

X can add a thought- He analyses the activities of his government. Though the party failed to provide job opportunities to youngsters, it successfully built 200-metre tall statues, a new Supreme Court (building), monuments and bridges in the last five years. He concludes that though the government failed to provide jobs, in the past five years under his party's leadership, there was infrastructural development.

He resolves the cognitive inconsistency between his thoughts and behaviour by adding a thought that rationalises his support of the political party. He will still vote for the same party with the hope that the party will fulfil its promise and provide employment for its citizens in the next term.

X can trivialise the inconsistency- He compares the state of his country after his party came into power with economically poorer neighbouring countries. He observes that while only 40% of the educated youth in his country are employed, the share is less than 30% in his neighbouring countries. In trivialising the faults in his political party's governance, the tension created due to the inconsistency between his thoughts and behaviour is negated. He will thus continue voting for the same political party as he has now justified the reason behind supporting the party.

Cognitive dissonance theory explains how individuals or groups rationalise their support and belief toward different religions, cults or political parties, partially blinding themselves to reduce the contradictions between their thoughts and behaviour.

While there are various ways to resolve cognitive dissonance, in most cases, people tend to justify their behaviour by either adding consonant elements or negating contradictory or inconsistent thoughts. This is because it is easier to change one's thoughts than to introspect and question one's belief system.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Here's a quiz on personalities featured in currency notes and coins.

1 Name this Italian poet, known for writing *The Divine Comedy*, who features in the national side of the Italian €2 coin.

2 Known as 'The Father of Economics', this personality put forth the theory of the Invisible Hand. Name this economist who appears on the £20 note issued by the Bank of England.

3 Which monarch was the most featured woman on a banknote worldwide?

4 In 2018, the RBI issued ₹10 denomination banknotes as part of the 'Mahatma Gandhi New Series'. The new denomination has a motif of a 13th-century temple on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage. Name the temple.

5 This politician served as the 11th and 13th Prime Minister of Pakistan from 1988 to 1990 and from 1993 to 1996. Name this political figure who appears on the Pakistani 10 rupee coin.

6 Name the communist revolutionary leader depicted in all denominations of the Vietnamese bank note.

◄ This Swedish writer of fiction and screenplays features on the 20 kronor banknote. Name her. •WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The christened name and the official surname of the U.K. queen. **Ans: Elizabeth Alexandra Mary and Windsor-Mountbatten**
2. The queen's birthday was changed due to this reason and to coincide with this pageant. **Ans: Because of the weather which could be cold in April and 'Trooping the Colour'**
3. The queen's place in the line of succession at the time of her birth. **Ans: Third-in-line**
4. The queen's family nickname. **Ans: Lillibet**
5. The 'unit' to which the queen was attached to in the Second World War. **Ans: Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service. She was trained as a truck driver and mechanic.**
6. The names of the queen's four children. **Ans: Charles, Anne, Andrew, Edward**
7. The castle the queen owned herself. **Ans: Balmoral Castle**
8. This person won an Oscar for her portrayal of the queen. **Ans: Helen Mirren**
9. The date of her coronation in 1953. **Ans: June 2**
10. The first and last Prime Ministers under the queen. **Ans: Winston Churchill and Liz Truss**
Visual: This breed of dog was a constant presence around the queen. **Ans: Corgi**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What is the meaning of "He is up and about" sir?"

"When a person falls ill, he is down in bed. He is not able to move about in the usual way. When he is all right, he gets up and moves about. He is "up" from bed and moves about. This is what is meant by "He is up and about."

He was ill sometime ago. He is up and about now."

"What is the meaning of "His hopes of marriage were put paid to by her reply"?

"This means that his hopes were destroyed. "Put paid to" means "destroy chances of success in something, finished completely."

His horrible speech put paid to his chances of getting elected to the Assembly.

When a customer has paid for the things he has bought, the word "paid" is written against the item in the account book to indicate that no further bills should be sent to the customer. "Paid" here means that the transaction is closed or finished. This is the origin of the expression "put paid to."

"What's the meaning of "looking up to" and "look down on," sir?"

"You look up to those whom you respect. "Look up to" means "to have a feeling of veneration or admiration for someone."

They looked up to her as their leader.

I look up to him for guidance.

You look down on people you don't like. You express your contempt for people when you look down on them.

The rich look down on the poor.

She looks down on him for his incompetence.

Some college teachers tend to look down on primary school teachers.

They look down on the servant."

"How do you distinguish these sentences, sir? She is thin. She is slim. She is slender."

"The opposite of thin in this context is "fat" or "plump." The word "thin" when applied to human beings means that the person concerned does not have adequate flesh, it also carries the connotation of weakness. The word "slim" also means thin, but it has the connotation of attractive trimness. Almost every woman wants to be slim. Men and women who are plump do slimming exercises and not "thinning" exercises. The word "slender" also means slim, but it has the connotation of gracefulness. So, a thin woman is a skinny woman, a slim woman is a trim person, and a slender woman is a graceful person. Well, let's stop on this graceful note. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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Siddaramaiah blames govt., BBMP for flooding

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Maintaining that nature alone is not responsible for the woes of Bengaluru city, which witnessed flooding of several areas due to heavy rains recently, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Tuesday alleged that irresponsibility and inaction of the government and corruption in BBMP too were equally responsible for the flood.

"Do not try to escape from your responsibility by merely blaming heavy rains for the problems of people. Your inaction and irresponsibility too has a role in it," Mr. Siddaramaiah told the government while participating in a debate in the Legislative Assembly on problems caused by heavy rains in the State.

Pointing out that 1,953 major encroachments of rajakaluves (storm-water drains) in Bengaluru had been identified when he was the Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah said 1,300 of them had been cleared by the earlier dispensation. "However, 653 cases of encroachment on rajakaluves are yet to be cleared. If the present government had cleared these encroachments, Bengaluru city would not have witnessed such a major crisis," the former Chief Minister argued.

Brand Bengaluru

He urged the government to take up the issue seriously and completely clear the rajakaluves of any encroachments.

He warned that Brand Bengaluru will take a beating if the government fails to focus on clearing of encroachments on priority.

A 'deep' debate on floods

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah's inspection of flood-hit areas in the IT corridors of Bengaluru last week became a topic of amusing debate in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, with focus on the exact depth of the waters.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who initiated a debate on rain havoc in the State, said Bengaluru city received 132 mm rain on September 4 and this caused flooding in residential layouts in Mahadevapura, and that he used a boat to visit Epsilon residential layout in Yemalur.

"I went to Yemalur in the Mahadevapura zone where CEOs and celebrities live. One needed a boat to go there," Mr. Siddaramaiah said, referring to the upscale residential layout which was under water.

Immediately, Aravind Limbavali (BJP) told Mr. Siddaramaiah that he was "misguided" on using the boat as there was another road to reach the layout. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai butted in to say that Mr. Siddaramaiah had used a boat for just 1.5 feet deep water on the road.

Mr. Siddaramaiah countered and said a boat cannot float on 1.5 feet water. Mr. Bommai insisted that he had seen images of a man standing in knee-deep water to push his boat. And then, the Chief Minister proudly chipped in: "I inspected the waterlogged area by a walk where there was 3 feet of water." Mr. Limbavali said that some people might have told Mr. Siddaramaiah to use the boat considering his age and that Mr. Bommai is younger than the Congress leader.

The Leader of the Opposition then grew serious and said the use of the boat was not a contested issue. When he went in the boat there was 3-4 feet water and he travelled on a boat for a distance of 500 m, he insisted. He had seen many cars submerged under water which means water was about 4 feet, he said.

BJP leader Aravind Limbavali at the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Anti-encroachment drive continues

Civic body removes illegal structures that had come up on storm-water drains at 18 places in city

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) continued the anti-encroachment drive on Tuesday in Mahadevapura and Yelahanaka zones, where the civic body has removed illegal structures at 18 places that have come up on storm-water drains.

At the Mahadaevapaura zone, the BBMP removed illegal structures at Shantiniketan Layout, Papaiah Reddy Layout, Challaghatta and in Yelahanka zone, it has removed encroachments in Satellite town.

"Officials of BBMP, Revenue Department, Police Department, and marshalls on Tuesday conducted the anti-encroachment exercise at 18 places in Mahadevapura and Yelahanka zones, which were causing flooding," a senior BBMP official said.

Nalapad academy

The BBMP officials have demolished 50 metres of the compound wall of Nalapad Academy, owned by Shanthinagar Congress MLA N.A. Haris. BBMP officials said, "Nalapad Academy had encroached upon a 2.5-metre wide and 150.5-metre long SWD in Survey Number 70/14 in Challaghatta. About 50 metres of encroachment has been cleared today and still, the drive of removing illegal structure on SWD is going on," officials added.

Meanwhile, the BBMP officials have cleared illegal encroachments of SWDs by seven buildings and four compound walls in Shantiniketan Layout. In Papaiah Reddy Layout, the apartment wall built on a rajakaluve and four sheds built on the empty space of rajakaluve have been cleared, while one compound wall and one empty space encroached upon in Basavanapura were also cleared and seized by the authorities.

In Yelahanka, officials of the civic body cleared 120 metres of SWD encroached upon by NCBS.

BJP MLA Arvind Limbavali from Mahadevapura constituency said that the slabs of the Epsilon Villa drain, which obstructed the flow of water in the rajakaluve near Yemlur of Mahadevpura Assembly constituency, were cleared by officials.

"Rajakaluve encroachment is a major cause of disaster caused by rainwater in our area and it is very important to clear it," he added.

Drive opposed

Meanwhile, local residents of Mahadevapura opposed the BBMP drive and questioned the officials.

"We constructed houses 30 years back, and the layout was planned 50 years back. Now, without notice, the BBMP is demolishing houses in the area. If people have encroached upon the rajakaluve, then how did banks give loans and authorities approve it," questioned Murali Kumar, a resident of Shanthinekitan Layout.

A bulldozer demolishes an illegal structure built on a storm-water drain at Munnekolala in Bengaluru on Tuesday. •PTI

Drive conducted in following areas

- Nalapad Academy in Challaghatta
- NCBS Institute in Yelahanaka Satellite Town
- Gopalan School premises in Basavananagar
- Epsilon Villa in Yemalur
- Eco Space near Bellandur
- Santiniketan Layout in Munnekolala

Fish-kill reported in Haralur lake

This is the second instance this year

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Several fish were found dead at Haralur lake in Bellandur, South-East Bengaluru, allegedly due to the entry of sewage along with rainwater in the city.

According to residents, this is the second instance of fish-kill in the lake this year. "For the last couple of days, the fish in the lake are dying as a result of polluted water," the residents here said, adding that it has been happening after the recent heavy rains.

Raghavendra B. Pachhapur, programme manager with ActionAid Association, said: "This is the fourth incident in the last five years in this lake. Every fish-kill is a setback for lake ecosystem and an indication that water quality is not conducive for wildlife and fisheries. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) needs to strengthen lake water quality monitoring."

A BBMP official from the Lake Department said, "We are cleaning the lake and the dead fish will be cleaned soon. An inspection will be conducted to find out the reason behind the fish-kill."

Recently, a report, 'Fish-kill in Lakes of Bengaluru (2017-2022)', released by ActionAid, shows that six fish-kill incidents were reported in 2017 and 2018, the numbers came down during the lockdown years between 2019 and 2021, and a total of eight instances of fish-kill were reported in Bengaluru lakes within seven months of 2022, surpassing the annual fish-kill numbers in the last five years.

In the last five years, 32 cases of fish-kill were identified in the city.

Dead fish were found floating at Haralur lake in Bellandur on Tuesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P No.42927/2015, dated: 07.09.2022, BBMP has setup "Citizens Grievances Redressel Cell" in all the wards. The Public can file their grievances either in verbal or written format to the designated person in the ward office.

The citizens are requested to note the mobile numbers of the Assistant Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer and Executive Engineer. The following details are also web hosted in the official portal of BBMP vide www.bbmp.gov.in.

The present detail of the officers concerned at the ward level is as listed below:

Sl. No.	Ward No. and name	Name and Mobile No. of the Assistant Engineer	Name and Mobile No. of the Assistant Executive Engineer	Name and Mobile No. of the Executive Engineer
EAST ZONE				
1	111 Shanthalanagara	Nihal 9113813741	Savitri AEE (Shanthinagara) 9480688219	Madhu (Shanthinagara) 6362975012
2	116 Neelasandra	Harsha 9742169281		
3	117 Shanthinagara	Harsha I/C 9742169281		
4	89 Jogupalya	Murthy I/C 9448241607	Murthy (Domaluru) 9448241607	
5	112 Domaluru	Veeresh 8618482983		
6	114 Agaram	Vinaya 7975685539		
7	115 Vannarpet	Megana 7090216101		
8	90 Halasuru	Manoj 9916031370	Bheema Nayak (Shivajinagara) 948068816	Saifuddin (Shivajinagara) 9845928789
9	91 Bharathinagara	Praveen 9886265455		
10	92 Shivajinagara	Ranganath 9902544327		
11	62 M R S Palya	Giridhar 8618436036	Javeed (Vasanthanagra) 9845720286	
12	63 Jayamahal	Padma 9880987429		
13	93 Vasanthanagara	Dharmaraj Naik 9448157686		
14	110 Sampangi -ramanagara	Dhanaraj 9323148147		
15	80 Hoysalanagara	Shankarappa 9845237293	Vinodh I/C (Jeevanbhima nagara) 9141125560	Prabhakar 9480688268
16	88 Jeevanbhima Nagara	Shilpa 9743110414		
17	113 Konenagarahara	Chethan 9880657223		
18	50 Benniganahalli	Narashimaiah 9900127315	Vinodh (C V Raman Nagara) 9141125560	
19	57 C V Raman Nagara	Mallinath 9448699075		
20	58 New Thippasandra	Srinivasa 9844366157		
21	79 Sarvagnanagara	Rathan 8050930602		
22	31 Kushalanagara	Basavaraj 9844549440	Ravi Waddar (K G Halli) 9480688211	Thippeswamy (Pulikeshi-nagara) 953800411
23	32 Kavalabyrasandra	Gowtham 9591696176		
24	48 Muneswaranagara	Pradeep 8970943376		
25	60 Sagayapura	Hemanth 9916966562		
26	47 Devara Jeevanahalli	Youvakumar 9480688047	Atif (Pulikeshi -nagara) 8660508826	
27	61 S K Garden	Rangappa 6480688061		
28	78 Pulikeshinagara	Basavaraj I/C 9844549440		
29	27 Banasawadi	Sandeep 9731814741	Vinayak (Maruthi-sevanagara) 7829148368	Kalleshappa (Sarvagna-nagara) 8095255311
30	28 Kammanahalli	Rajan 9945640419		
31	29 Kacharakanahalli	Krishna Reddy 9972422129		
32	49 Lingarajapuram	Pooja 8792468853		
33	59 Maruthisevanagara	Sreekanth 9480688059		
34	23 Nagawara	Nagaraj 9686909974	Ravikumar (H B R Layout) 9448676356	
35	24 HBR Layout	Swamy Lal 9480688024		
36	30 K G Halli	Harashith 7892529097		
37	18 Radhakrishna Temple	Surendra Kumar 9148591001	Madava Rao (Hebbala) 9964205369	Ashok Hinda (Hebbala) 9480688265
38	19 Sanjayanagara	Navanath 9689311371		
39	20 Ganganagara	Mohan Kumar 8073339708		
40	21 Hebbala	Mohan Kumar I/C 8073339708		
41	22 V Nagenahalli	Gudusidappa 9845626122	Vishwanath (J C Nagara) 9480688209	
42	33 Manorayana -palya	Puspa 7892477947		
43	34 Gangenahalli	Somashekar 9448432548		
44	46 J C Nagara	Vishnu Jadav 9886588534		
WEST ZONE				
1	35 Armanenagara	Naveen D.B. 9480688035	Smt. Sushma I/C 9480688226	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
2	36 Mathikere	Sushma 9480688036	Smt. Sushma I/C 9480688226	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
3	45 Malleshwaram	Lakshmanappa 9480688045	Smt. Sushma I/C 9480688226	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
4	64 - Rajmahal Guttahalli	Naveen .D.B. 9480688064	Smt. Harsha Naik 9480688227	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
5	65 - Kadu Malleshwaram	Naveen .D.B. 9480688065	Smt. Harsha Naik 9480688227	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
6	66 Subramanya -nagar	Lakshmanappa 9480688066	Smt. Harsha Naik 9480688227	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
7	76 Gaythrinagara	Lakshmanappa 9480688076	Smt. Harsha Naik 9480688227	B.S.JayaShankar 9845264002
8	43 Nandini Layout	B.K.Basavaraju 9480688043	Sri Ranganath 9480688228	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
9	44 Marappanapalya	Dananjaya 9480688044	Sri Ranganath 9480688228	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
10	68 Mahalakshmipuram	Dananjaya I/C 9480688068	Sri Ranganath 9480688228	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
11	74 - Shakthi Ganapathinagara	Lakshmanaik.D 9480688074	Sri Ranganath 9480688228	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
12	67 Nagapura	Ravikumar 9480688067	Sri.M B Nagaraj 9480688229	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
13	75 Shankarmutt	Benakesh 9480688075	Sri.M B Nagaraj 9480688229	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
14	102 Vrushabavathi -nagara	Prakash 9480688102	Sri.M B Nagaraj 9480688229	Sri. Thimmarasu 9945198909
15	97 Dayananda -nagara	Vaijinatha M.Patila 9480688097	Sri.Balarangadhar 9480688230	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
16	98 Prakashnagara	Hithishini 9480688098	Sri.Balarangadhar 9480688230	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
17	108 Sriramamandira	Vaijinatha M.Patila 9480688108	Sri.Balarangadhar 9480688230	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
18	99 Rajajinagar	Subhash Patil 948068099	Sri. Yogesh 9480688231	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
19	100- Basaveshwara -nagar	Pavan 9480688100	Sri. Yogesh 9480688231	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
20	101 Kamakshipalya	Srinivasraju 9480688101	Sri. Yogesh 9480688231	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
21	107 Shivanagara	Poojarappa 9480688107	Sri. Yogesh 9480688231	Sri. Gangadhar 9480688275
22	77 - Dattatreya temple	Nandish 9480688077	Sri. Revanna 9480688234	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
23	94 Gandhinagara	Rajshekar murthy 9480688094	Sri. Revanna 9480688234	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
24	95 Subhashnagar	Rajshekar murthy I/C 9480688095	Sri. Revanna 9480688234	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
25	96 Okalipuram	Triveni 9480688096	Sri. Revanna 9480688234	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
26	109 Chickpete	Kishan T 9480688109	Smt Hemalatha J 9480688235	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
27	120 Cottonpet	Pavan I/C 9480688120	Smt Hemalatha J 9480688235	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
28	121 Binnypet	Chaitra I/C 9480688121	Smt Hemalatha J 9480688235	Sri. Gangadhar I/C 9480685311
29	135 Padarayanapura	Shreyas Shetty 9480688135	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
30	136 JJR Nagar	Satish 9480688136	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
31	138 Chalavadipalya	Chandana 9480688138	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
32	137 Rayapuram	Hemanth Gowda 9480688137	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
33	139 Rayapuram	Arun I/C 9480688139	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
34	141 Azad Nagar	Vacant 9480688141	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
35	140 Chamarajapet	Arun I/C 9480688140	Sri. Umesha I/C 9480688236	Sri. Thimmarasu I/C 9480688236
36	103 Kaveripura	Vijay Kumar 948068103	Sri. Umesh.V 9480688232	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
37	104 Govindaraja -nagara	Naveen Kumar 9480688125	Sri. Umesh.V 9480688232	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
38	105 Agrahara Dasarahalli	Arun kumar 9480688106	Sri. Umesh.V 9480688232	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
39	106 Dr. Rajkumar ward	Arun kumar 9480688106	Sri. Umesh.V 9480688232	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
40	125 Marenahalli	Naveen Kumar 9480688125	Sri. Umesh.V 9480688232	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
41	126 Maruthimandira	Raviraj 9480688126	Sri. Alok Shetty 9480688233	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
42	127 Mudalapalya	Vijay kumar 948068127	Sri. Alok Shetty 9480688233	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
43	128 Nagabhavi	Satish Kumar B 9480688128	Sri. Alok Shetty 9480688233	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
44	131 Nayandahalli	Manje Gowda 9480688131	Sri. Alok Shetty 9480688233	Sri. Prakash 9845494728
SOUTH ZONE				
1	118 Sudamanagar	Vijayakumar K S - 9480688118	Sri.Pradeep Kumar, [Kempegowda nagar], 9480688244	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
2	119 Dharmaraya Temple	Satya.N.K - 9480688119 Sandesh.H.M. - 9611667101	Sri.Pradeep Kumar, [Kempegowda nagar], 9480688244	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
3	122 Kempapura Agrahara	Hemanth - 9480688122	Sri.Hemanth., I/c [Vijayanagar], 9480688246	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
4	123 Vijayanagar	Hemanth [I/c] - 9480688123	Sri.Hemanth., I/c [Vijayanagar], 9480688246	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
5	124 Hosahalli	Shivanna - 9480688124	Sri.Hemanth., I/c [Vijayanagar], 9480688246	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
6	132 Athiguppe	Ananaiay - 9480688132	Sri.Ragunath., I/c. [Gali Anjaneyya Temple], 9480688247	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
7	133 Hampinagar	Ragunath [I/c] - 9480688133	Sri.Ragunath., I/c. [Gali Anjaneyya Temple], 9480688247	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
8	134 Bapuji nagar	Harshith.S. - 9480688134	Sri.Hemanth., I/c [Vijayanagar], 9480688246	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. ExecutiveEngineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
9	142 Sunkenahalli	Dharama Sing Nayak - 9480688142 Sunethara - 9164422280	Sri.Pradeep Kumar, [Kempegowda nagar], 9480688244	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
10	143 V.V.Puram	Lingaraje Gowda - 9480688143	Sri.Pradeep Kumar, [Kempegowda nagar], 9480688244	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
11	144 Siddapura	Kotresh Naik - 9480688144	Sri.Chandrappa, [Hombegowdanagar], 9480688245 & 9448432963	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
12	145 Hombegowda -nagar	Kalpana [I/c]- 9480688145	Sri.Chandrappa, [Hombegowdanagar], 9480688245 & 9448432963	Sri.Yarappa Reddy.H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
13	146 Lakkasandra	Samrudh. A - 9480688146	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, [B.T.M Layout], 9480688250 & 9008658224,	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
14	147 Adugodi	Kruthika.M. - 9480688147	Sri.Vanaraju, [Koramangala], 9480688251 & 7022604705	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
15	148 Ejipura	Srimanth. - 9480688148	Sri.Vanaraju, [Koramangala], 9480688251 & 7022604705	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
16	151 Koramangala	Chandrashekar - 9480688151	Sri.Vanaraju, [Koramangala], 9480688251 & 7022604705	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
17	152 Suddagunte Palya	Satish - 9480688152	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, [B.T.M Layout], 9480688250 & 9008658224,	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
18	153 Jayanagar	Naveen Kumar - 9480688153	Sri.Chandrappa, [Hombegowdanagar], 9480688245 & 9448432963	Sri.Yarappa Reddy. H.V., Executive Engineer (Chickpete) 9480688281 & 9343886179
19	154 Basavanagudi	Krishna Murthy - 9480688154	Sri.Rajesh, [Basavanagudi], 9480688248 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
20	155 Hanumantha -nagar	Harsha. - 9480688155	Sri.Rajesh, [Basavanagudi], 9480688248 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
21	156 Shrinagar	Venkatamalvaiah - 9480688156	Sri.Rajesh, [Basavanagudi], 9480688248 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
22	157 Gali Anjaneyya Temple	Ragunath - 9480688157 Bhanusree, - 8496852203	Sri.Ragunath., I/c. [Gali Anjaneyya Temple], 9480688247,	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. Executive Engineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
23	158 Deepanjali -nagar	Chithara - 9480688158	Sri.Ragunath., I/c. [Gali Anjaneyya Temple], 9480688247,	Sri.Radhakrishna. M. Executive Engineer (Vijayangar) 9480688282 & 9742004623
24	161 Hosakerehalli	Keerthi.H.R. - 9480688161	Sri. Murulidhar [Padmanabhanagar], 9480688254 & 9035689994	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
25	162 Girinagar	Ramesh - 9480688162	Sri. Kumar.M.J., [Girinagar], 9480688249 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
26	163 Kathriguppe	Ranjitha.K.R. - 9480688163	Sri. Kumar.M.J., [Girinagar], 9480688249 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
27	164 Vidhyapetha	Vijay Kumar - 9480688164	Sri. Kumar.M.J., [Girinagar], 9480688249 & 9480777584	Sri.B M Dharanedra Kumar Executive Engineer (Basavanagudi) 9480688283 & 9480683058
28	165 Ganesha Mandira	Mohith.M.J. - 9480688165	Sri.Yatish, [Banashakari], 9480688255 & 9968427514	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
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30	167 Yadiyuru	Naveen Kumar.S. - 8553503446	Sri.Yatish, [Banashakari], 9480688255 & 9968427514	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
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32	169 Byarasandra	Chandrashekhar 9480688168	Sri.Venkatesh, I/c [Jayanagar], 9480688252,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
33	170 Jayanagar East	Vijayakumar - 9480688170	Sri.Venkatesh, I/c [Jayanagar], 9480688252,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
34	171 Gurappanna -palya	Mehabub Khan - 9480688171	Sri.Venkatesh, I/c [Jayanagar], 9480688252,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
35	172 Madivala	Sidanna - 9480688172	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, [B.T.M Layout], 9480688250 & 9008658224,	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
36	173 Jakkasandra	Pradeep Kumar R - 9480688173	Sri.Vanaraju, [Koramangala], 9480688251 & 7022604705,	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
37	176 B.T.M Layout	Naresh Kumar.K - 9480688176	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, [B.T.M Layout], 9480688250 & 9008658224,	Sri. Ashok S Biradar, I/c Executive Engineer (BTM Layout) 9480688284 & 9008658224
38	177 J.P.nagar	Vijayakumar [I/c] - 9480688177	Sri.Venkatesh, [J.P.nagar], 9480688253,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
39	178 Saarakki	Ashwath - 9480688178	Sri.Venkatesh, [J.P.nagar], 9480688253,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
40	179 Shakambari -nagar	D.Manohar. - 9480688179	Sri.Venkatesh, [J.P.nagar], 9480688253,	Sri. S Manjunath Reddy Executive Engineer (Jayanagara) 9480688285 & 9480684064
41	180 Banashankari Temple	Manjunath Venkanna Nayak. - 9480688180	Sri.Yatish, [Banashakari], 9480688255 & 9968427514,	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
42	181 Kumaraswamy Layout	Mamatha [I/c] - 9480688181	Sri.Murulidhar [Padmanabhanagar], 9480688254 & 9035689994	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
43	182 Padmanabha -nagar	Mamatha - 9480688182	Sri.Murulidhar [Padmanabhanagar], 9480688254 & 9035689994	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
44	183 Chikkalasandra	Sachin.S. - 9480688183	Sri.Murulidhar [Padmanabhanagar], 9480688254 & 9035689994	Sri.Srinivasan.T Executive Engineer (Padmanabhanagar) 9480688286 & 9035087060
BOMMANAHALLI ZONE				
1	184 Uttarahalli	Venkataramana K V 9480688184	Neelakantaiah K P 9480688259	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
2	185 Yelechenahalli	Venkataramana K V 9480688185	Neelakantaiah K P 9480688259	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
3	197 Vasanthapura	Thimmaiah V 9480688197	Neelakantaiah K P 9480688259	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
4	194 Gottigere	Maruthi 9480688194	Narendra Kumar 9480688261	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
5	195 Konanakunte	Shilpa 9480688195	Narendra Kumar 9480688261	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
6	196 Anjanapura	Krishnappa 9480688196	Narendra Kumar 9480688261	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
7	191 Singasandra	Cheluvaraju 9480688191	Veeresh Aladakatti 9480688260	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
8	192 Begur	Cheluvaraju 9480688192	Veeresh Aladakatti 9480688260	Pramod Kumar N G 9480688288
9	174 HSR Layout	Rajagopala Babu(I/c) 9480688174	Ravi D 9480688256	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
10	190 Mangammanapalya	Rajagopala Babu 9480688190	Ravi D 9480688256	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
11	175 Bommanahalli	Chaithra.S (I/c) 9480688175	Anjanappa CT 9480688257	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
12	188 Bilekahalli	Chaithra.S 9480688188	Anjanappa CT 9480688257	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
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14	186 Jaraganahalli	Narasimha Murthy Naik - 9480688186	Raghunandan Manthri -9480688258	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
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16	193 Arakere	Chethan (I/c) 9480688193	Raghunandan Manthri -9480688258	Sheshadri YN 9480688287
DASARAHALLI ZONE				
1.	12 Shettyhalli	S.N. Krishnamurthy 8971368695	S.N. Krishnamurthy (Incharge) - 8971368695	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
2.	13 Mallasandra	C.N. Jagadeesh 8660931367	Krishnamurthy (Incharge) 8971368695	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
3.	14 Bagalagunte	Venkateshappa 9480688014	B R Ranganath 9480688205	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
4.	15 T.Dasarahalli	Venkateshappa 9480688014	B R Ranganath 9480688205	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
5.	39 Chokkasandra	Sadashiva 9480688039	Puttahanumathraju 9480688206	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
6.	41-PIA	Swamy. K.S 9480688041	Puttahanumathraju 9480688206	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
7.	70-Rajagopala nagara	Swamy. K.S 9480688041	Puttahanumathraju 9480688206	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
8.	71 Hegganahalli	Aveesha HM 9480688070	Nageshmurthy 9480688207	S. L. Papareddy 9480684887
YELAHANKA ZONE				
1.	01 Kempegowda	DEVARAJ 9886153161	RAMASANJEEVAI AH9480685320	SUDHAKAR REDDY 9480688262
2.	02 Chowdeshwari	NARASIMAIAH 9480688002	RAMASANJEEVAI AH9480685320	SUDHAKAR REDDY 9480688262
3.	03-Attur	RAMAKRISHNA IAH 9972910910	SACHIN.H.P 9844508268	SUDHAKAR REDDY 9480688262
4.	04-Yelahnak New Town	MOHAN 9900222431	SACHIN.H.P 9844508268	SUDHAKAR REDDY 9480688262

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Government of Karnataka
BIDAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BIDAR.
(Autonomous Institution of Govt. Karnataka)
Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences,
Karnataka, Bangalore & Recognized by Govt. of India, New Delhi
Phone: 08482 228366/ Fax No: 08482 240322, Website: http://bimsbidar.karnataka.gov.in
& e-mail : directorbrimsbidar2007@gmail.com

No: BRIMS/Tender/Diet/HNS/Printing/Stationery & ETP/STP Maint./ /2022-23
Date:12 .09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bidar institute of Medical Science, Bidar invites tender for below mentioned list of Supplies/Services/Maintenance works for the year 2022-23. The eligible interested bidders / tenderers should view, download and apply through e-procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in only.

Calendar of tender events
1) Last Date for uploading of Tenders: Date: 28-09-2022 at 4:30 PM, 2) Date & Time of Opening of technical Bids Date: 29-09-2022 at 5:00 PM, 3) Date & Time of Opening of commercial bids: Date: 30-09-2022 at 05:30 AM, 4) Contact for detail information : Director Bidar Institute of medical Sciences Bidar

LIST OF Supplies/Services/Works TO BE TENDERED

Sl. No.	Description	Estimated cost of tender in Rs. Lakhs	EMD Rs.	Sample submission details
1.	SUPPLY OF DIET, HNS, PRINTING, STATIONERY AND OTHER ITEMS AND MAINTANANCE OF ETP/STP PLANT AT BRIMS BIDAR FOR THE YEAR 2022-23. Indent No:- ME/2022-23/IND4726	100.00	200000.00	Yes required. Last date for submission of Samples 26.09.2022, before 5:30 PM
2.	Maintenance of ETP/STP Plant at Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences Bidar. FOR THE YEAR 2022-23. BRIMS/TENDER/450ETP-STP/CR-02/2022-23	20.00	50000.00	-Nil-

Note: Further information about tender please contact Director BRIMS Bidar office, and any further changes in tender will be published in e-procurement website only.

Sd/- Director
Bidar Institute of Medical Science, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/235/MC&A/2022-23

YELAHANKA ZONE				
5.	05 Thanisandra	SURESH DEVATHARAJ 9448421920	NAGAPPA KAMATI 9916418194	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
6.	06-Jakkur	MAHANTHESH KUMAR 9901053319	NAGAPPA KAMATI 9916418194	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
7.	07 Byatarayanapura	SOMANATH JADAV 96978157555	SOMASHEKAR 9019211219	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
8.	08-Kodigehalli	PRAVEEN 9060404354	SOMASHEKAR 9019211219	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
9.	09-Vidyaranyapura	ARCHANA 7349388139	BHEERESH 6920992600	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
10.	10-Dodda -bommasandra	PRAVEEN 9060404354	BHEERESH 6920992600	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
11.	11 Kuvempunagara	JAYANTH KUMAR 9844045089	BHEERESH 6920992600	PRADEEP.B.N 9480688263
R.R. NAGARA ZONE				
1.	Jalahalli	Poojashree R 9480688016	M Vigneshara 9480688220	N Basavaraju 9480688223
2.	J P Park	N G Umesh 9480688017	M Vigneshara 9480688220	N Basavaraju 9480688223
3.	Yeshwanthpur	Hema S T 9480688017	M Vigneshara 9480688220	N Basavaraju 9480688223
4.	HMT	Rajesh 9480688038	K M Mruthyunjaya 9480688221	N Basavaraju 9480688223
5.	Doddabidara -kallu	Guligowda 9480688040	B Ramesh 9480688224	Lokesh B C 9480688272
6.	Lakshmidevi Nagara	Manjunath 9480688042	K M Mruthyunjaya 9480688221	N Basavaraju 9480688223
7.	Laggere	Prajwal 7975145297	D Hemanth 9480688222	N Basavaraju 9480688223
8.	Herohalli	Nataraj (I/c) 9480688072	B Ramesh 9480688224	Lokesh B C 9480688272
9.	Kottigepalya	Prajwal 7975145297	D Hemanth 9480688222	N Basavaraju 9480688223
10.	Jnanabharathi	Venkatesh C 9480688129	N Basavaraju 9480688223	N Basavaraju 9480688223
11.	Ullal	Nagabhushan 9480688130	M V Guruprasad 9480688225	Lokesh B C 9480688272
12.	Kengeri	Nataraj 9480688159	M V Guruprasad 9480688225	Lokesh B C 9480688272
13.	Rajarajeshwari Nagara	M Siddaramaiah 9480688160	N Basavaraju 9480688223	N Basavaraju 9480688223
14.	Hemmigepura	Dayanand N 9480688198	M V Guruprasad 9480688225	Lokesh B C 9480688272
MAHADEVAPURA ZONE				
1.	54- Hoodi	Jagadeesha M 9480688054	Srinivas murthy 9480688241	D.M.Munireddy 9480688280
2.	82 Garudachar palya	Raghu 9480688082	Srinivas murthy 9480688241	Munireddy 9480688280
3.	83 Kadugodi	N.Venkatesh 9480688083	Sridhar.C 9480688242	D.M.Munireddy 9480688280
4.	84 Hagadur	Basavaraj K.Takkalakki 9480688084	Sridhar.C 9480688242	D.M.Munireddy 9480688280
5.	85 Dodda nekkundi	Srikanth 9480688085	Srinivas murthy 9480688241	Munireddy 9480688280
6.	86 Marathahalli	Mr. Umesh 9449548850	Mr. G.L Markandaiah 8951430322	Mr. Munireddy 9448310811
7.	149 Varthur	Venkatesh. T.M 9480688149	Sridhar.C 9480688242	D.M.Munireddy 9480688280
8.	150 Bellandur	Jagadeesha M 9480688054	Srinivas murthy 9480688241	D.M.Munireddy 9480688280
9.	25 Horamavu	Mr.Ramesh 9480688025	Mr.Chandrashekar.A.G 9480688238	Mr. Guru 9448323311
10.	26-Rammurthy nagar	Mr.Vikram Sajjan Shetty 9480688026	Mr.Chandrashekar.A.G 9480688238	Mr. Guru 9448323311
11.	51 Vignanapura	Mr.Ramesh 9480688051	Mr.Chandrashekar.A.G 9480688238	Mr. Guru 9448323311
12.	52 Krishnarajpura	Mr. Keshav 9480688052	Mr.Pompapathy. 9480688239	Mr. Guru 9448323311
13.	53 Basavapura	Mr. Keshav 9480688053	Mr.Pompapathy. 9480688239	Mr. Guru 9448323311
14.	55 Devasandra	Mr. Keshav 9480688055	Mr.Pompapathy. 9480688239	Mr. Guru 9448323311
15.	56-A Narayanapura	Somaiah G.D (9480688056)	Vijay kumar.A 9742606161 9480688240	Guru.K 9448323311 9480688279
16.	81 Vignannagara	L.Suresh (9480688081)	Vijay kumar.A 9742606161 9480688240	Guru.K 9448323311 9480688279
17.	87 HAL Airport	Somaiah G.D (9480688056)	Vijay kumar.A 9742606161 9480688240	Guru.K 9448323311 9480688279

Note:- (Updation for newly formed 243 wards will be shortly hosted.)

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, BBMP

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Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No: EE/PWD/DIV/KLB/TS-6/Tender Notification/2022-23/4078 Dated: 13-09-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW-1, 2 & 3) for 8443 of 5 works of Indent No: I) Reserved for SC: 156344, 150094 II) Unreserved 155318, 155317,149697 tenders are called through e-procurement for the year 2022-23, 2) Estimated Cost: **Estimate cost Minimum 6.74 Lakhs & Maximum 63.52 Lakhs.** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: "PWD, Registered Contractors:"Class-I Qualified to tender for works upto any amount, "Class-II Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 5.00 Crores, "Class-III Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 2.00 Crores, "Class-IV Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 25.00 Lakhs", 4) Tender fees and EMD details : Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Minimum Rs. 8,400.00 & Maximum Rs. 1,30,000.00, 6) Last date for queries: **29/09/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs,** 7) Last date for submission of tender: **30/09/2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 8)Date of opening of Technical Bid: **01/10/2022 at 16:30 Hrs.** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **03/10/2022 at 16.30 Hrs,** 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/605/MC&A/2022-23

JUNGLE LODGES AND RESORTS LTD.
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
#49, West Wing, Ground Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Phone No.: 080-4055 4055 Fax: 4055 4040 Website: www.junglelodges.com e-Mail: info@junglelodges.com

Date: 08.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Jungle Lodges and Resorts Ltd., invites for Request for Proposal (RFP) for **Selection of an agency to provide Manpower Services at Various JLR units as per the tender document.**

Tender No.	Description	EMD Amount	Last Date for receipt of tenders
JLRL/2022-23/JN1/ MP/IND-72, dated: 08.09.2022	Selection of an Agency to Provide Manpower Services for JLR Properties located in Udupi, Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural and Chamarajanagar District.	Rs. 6,00,000/-	07.10.2022 16.00 Hrs
JLRL/2022-23/JN2/ MP/IND73, Dated: 08.09.2022	Selection of an Agency to Provide Manpower Services for JLR Properties located in Vijayanagara, Bidar, Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru District.	Rs. 4,00,000/-	07.10.2022 16.00 Hrs

The detailed tender documents are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for any further clarifications contact +91 80 23010900, +91 80 23010901, +91 80 38013000 Email Support: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

Sd/- Sr. General Manager

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, (District Urban Development Cell),
Room No: 123 Dist Administrative Buld. Gadag- 582101
Tel No: 08372-231877 (F) E-mail: dudc_gdg@yahoo.co.in

No: DUDC/DVP/Nagarothana Municipality/PH-3/CR-07/2016-17 **Dated: 12-09-2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Deputy Commissioner, Gadag District, Gadag invites tenders in two cover system using KW-.1. 2 & 3 document from related Class Contractors for Gadag District Nagarothana Municipality Phase-3 Project works as detailed below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Description of work	Amount Put to Tender	EMD
1	Construction of Commercial Complex Work in Town Municipal Councial RON Limits of GADAG DISTRICT under Mukhya Mantri Nagarothana Municipality Phase-3 Project. e-Proc Indent No.**DMA/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT128263**	86.40	1.73
2	Improvement Road and Drain Works in Town Municipal Councial Gajendragada Limits of GADAG DISTRICT under Mukhya Mantri Nagarothana Municipality Phase-3 Project. e-Proc Indent No.**DMA/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT128259**	79.74	1.59
3	Improvement Water Supply Works in Town Panchayath, SHIRAHATTI Limits of GADAG DISTRICT under Mukhya Mantri Nagarothana Municipality Phase-3 Project. e-Proc Indent No. **DMA/2021-22/WT/WORK_INDENT128267**	45.51	0.91
4	Improvement Road Work in Town Panchayath, NAREGAL Limits of GADAG DISTRICT under Mukhya Mantri Nagarothana Municipality Phase-3 Projec. e-Proc Indent No. **DMA/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT128256**	15.29	0.38

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents	30.09.2022 upto 17.30 hrs.
2	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids Sl.no.01.02) (Technical & financial Bids Sl.no.03.04)	03.10.2022 at 11.00 hrs.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner
Gadag District,Gadag

DIPR/GDG/302/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga
No: ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ/ಆವಿ:ಜಿಆರ್:42/2022-23 Date: :09.09.2022

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

Tenders have been invited in Two-cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Procedure through e-procurement portal to provide the following services and supply the vehicles/machineries in the limits of Shivamogga City Corporation. The suppliers who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
(1) The last date for submission of application for tender document with e-payment through e-procurement portal : **26.09.2022 upto 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of tender through e-procurement : **As per e-portal.** (3) More details can be had from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours.

Sl. No.	Details	Approx. amount Rs in lakhs.	Amount put to tender Rs in lakhs	EMD Amount Rs in lakhs	Grants
1	Suppy of 6 CUM Tipper Truck for Shivamogga City Corporation. (3 No's) Indent No: DMA/2022-23/IND14228/CALL-2	81.00	78.00	1.62	15th Finance Commission Savings Grants for the year 2020-21.
2	Suppy of 16 CUM Garbage Compactor for Shivamogga City Corporation. (3 No's) Indent No: DMA/2022-23/IND14431	144.00	141.00	2.16	15th Finance Commission General Basic Grants for the year 2022-23.
3	Providing the services of outsource Loaders/Helpers for SWM vehicles (144 Nos) to Shivamogga City Corporation. Ind No: SCC / HEALTH /LOADERS/2022-23	400.00	366.50	5.50	Corporation's General Fund for the year 2022-23.
4	Providing the services of outsource Driver cum operators for SWM vehicles (16 Nos) and SWM vehicle cleaners (16 Nos) to Shivamogga City Corporation. Ind No: SCC/HEALTH/OPERATORS/2022-23	77.00	70.59	1.54	

Any changes/corrigendum will be published in e-procurement only.

Sd/- Asst. Executive Engineer (Environment)
Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.55-09/zenkar/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **SRI.C.R.PRANESH** S/o late C.L.Rama Rao, residing at: No.302, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Near Carmel School, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of (i) the entire Second Floor office premises bearing Municipal **No.31,** PID No.49-6-31, having super built up area of 3458 Sq.ft., and (ii) the entire Third floor office premises bearing Municipal **No.31/1,** PID No.49-6-31/1, having super built up area of 3443 Sq.ft., in building known as "BRINDAVAN SAMPURNA", built on the property bearing Municipal No.31 & 31/1 (old No.16), situated at Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and the entire property is bounded on:

East by : Conservancy
West by : Bull Temple Road
North by : Property belonging to Mr.C.S.Venkataramaiah (Now belonging to Mr.Prasad Tagat and others);
South by : Property belonging to Mr.Sitaramaiah (Now belonging to Mr.Nagaraj)

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ, ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಇಂ/ಲೋಇ/ಚಿವಿ/ಎಇ-2/ಟೆಂಡರ್-57:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.09.2022

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಇವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seamನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ-ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 8443 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ: (1) ಹೊಳಲ್ಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಮುಂಭಾಗದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ನೂತನ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 275.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (2) ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹೊಳಲ್ಕೆರೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣ ಹಂತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 230.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 17:30. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 23.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:00. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 26.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:01. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 28.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 11:00.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08194 222446) ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್.ಪಿ. ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 080 25501216 ಮತ್ತು 080 25501227 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

RO No. 515: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23 ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

EAST COAST RAILWAY
AUCTION OF 62 SLRs AND 08 VPs OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION

Details of PLAs :

Sl.	TRAIN No. & CC in Tonnes	FROM-TO	LOT END TIME
1	20896 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-RAMESWARAM	19.09.2022, 1030hrs.
2	18447 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JAGDALPUR	19.09.2022, 1040hrs.
3	12822 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	19.09.2022, 1050hrs.
4	22840 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ROURKELA	19.09.2022, 1100hrs.
5	18417 & (4 T)	PURI-GUNUPUR	19.09.2022, 1110hrs.
6	22974 & (3.9 T)	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	19.09.2022, 1120hrs.
7	22910 & (3.9 T)	PURI-VALSAD	19.09.2022, 1130hrs.
8	22866 & (4 T)	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	19.09.2022, 1140hrs.
9	20861 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AHMEDABAD	19.09.2022, 1150hrs.
10	12880 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	19.09.2022, 1200hrs.
11	22811 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR- NEW DELHI	19.09.2022, 1210hrs.
12	22202 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SEALDAH	19.09.2022, 1220hrs.
13	12898 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY	19.09.2022, 1230hrs.
14	17015 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	19.09.2022, 1240hrs.
15	22827 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SURAT	19.09.2022, 1250hrs.
16	20817 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	19.09.2022, 1300hrs.
17	12846 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU CANTONMENT	19.09.2022, 1310hrs.
18	12281 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	19.09.2022, 1320hrs.
19	18449 & (3.9 T)	PURI-PATNA JUNCTION	19.09.2022, 1330hrs.
20	12146 & (3.9 T)	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	19.09.2022, 1340hrs.
21	17015 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	19.09.2022, 1350hrs.
22	17479 & (4 T)	PURI-TIRUPATI	19.09.2022, 1400hrs.
23	17479 & (4 T)	PURI-TIRUPATI	19.09.2022, 1410hrs.
24	18417 & (4 T)	PURI-GUNUPUR	19.09.2022, 1420hrs.
25	20819 & (3.9 T)	PURI-OKHA	19.09.2022, 1430hrs.
26	22871 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	19.09.2022, 1440hrs.
27	20472 & (3.9 T)	PURI-BIKANER	19.09.2022, 1450hrs.
28	22833 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-KRISHNARAJAPURAM	19.09.2022, 1500hrs.
29	12994 & (3.9 T)	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	19.09.2022, 1510hrs.
30	18419 & (3.9 T)	PURI-JAYNAGAR	19.09.2022, 1520hrs.
31	22879 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	19.09.2022, 1530hrs.
32	22836 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	19.09.2022, 1540hrs.
33	12888 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	19.09.2022, 1550hrs.
34	20918 & (3.9 T)	PURI-INDORE	19.09.2022, 1600hrs.
35	22882 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUNE	19.09.2022, 1610hrs.
36	22866 & (4 T)	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	19.09.2022, 1620hrs.
37	12843 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AHMEDABAD	20.09.2022, 1030hrs.
38	18477 & (4 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	20.09.2022, 1040hrs.
39	22823 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	20.09.2022, 1050hrs.
40	20837 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	20.09.2022, 1100hrs.
41	12801 & (3.9 T)	PURI-NEW DELHI	20.09.2022, 1110hrs.
42	12896 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	20.09.2022, 1120hrs.
43	20813 & (4 T)	PURI-JODHPUR JUNCTION	20.09.2022, 1130hrs.
44	12819 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	20.09.2022, 1140hrs.
45	12815 & (3.9 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	20.09.2022, 1150hrs.
46	18452 & (3.9 T)	PURI-HATIA	20.09.2022, 1200hrs.
47	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	20.09.2022, 1210hrs.
48	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	20.09.2022, 1220hrs.
49	18477 & (4 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	20.09.2022, 1230hrs.
50	18410 & (4 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	20.09.2022, 1240hrs.
51	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	20.09.2022, 1250hrs.
52	22819 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	20.09.2022, 1300hrs.
53	18410 & (4 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	20.09.2022, 1310hrs.
54	20813 & (4 T)	PURI-JODHPUR	20.09.2022, 1320hrs.
55	18463 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-KSR BANGALORE CITY	20.09.2022, 1330hrs.
56	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	20.09.2022, 1340hrs.
57	12875 & (3.9 T)	PURI-ANANDA VIHAR TERMINAL	20.09.2022, 1350hrs.
58	18425 & (3.9 T)	PURI-DURG	20.09.2022, 1400hrs.
59	11020 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI TERMINAL	20.09.2022, 1410hrs.
60	20823 & (3.9 T)	PURI-AJMER	20.09.2022, 1420hrs.
61	20837 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	20.09.2022, 1430hrs.
62	22805 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	20.09.2022, 1440hrs.
63	22805-22806 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1030hrs.
64	12830-12829 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-Mgr. CHENNAI CENTRAL (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1040hrs.
65	12898-12897 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1050hrs.
66	18463-18464 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-KSR BANGALORE CITY (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1100hrs.
67	12815-12816 (24 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1110hrs.
68	12819-12820 (24 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1120hrs.
69	12875-12876 (24 T)	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1130hrs.
70	18477-18478 (23 T)	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH (ROUND TRIP)	21.09.2022, 1140hrs.

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Yeshaswini relaunch: Cong. pulls up govt. for lack of readiness

Even if it's a little late, we will implement the scheme well: Cooperation Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Ahead of the proposed relaunch of the Yeshaswini health scheme on October 2, the Congress on Tuesday taunted the BJP government for being ill-prepared, though there are only about 20 days left for the day of relaunch.

Picking out details in the government's reply to his questions, Congress Chief Whip Prakash Rathod said: "The guidelines for the scheme is yet to be announced. The decision on the number of diseases to be covered and the scope of beneficiaries are yet to be decided," he said.

Though Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the relaunch of the scheme in the Budget with an allocation of ₹300 crore, the government has not started work and everything still appears to be in process, he added.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru on Tuesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Taking objection to this, Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the Finance Department and the Health Department, which had raised certain doubts, have now approved it. "We will form a new trust. The decision on the inclusion of cooperative bank officials and employees are yet to be taken. Even if it's a little late, we will implement the scheme well," he promised. He pointed out that a scheme launched during the Congress government by S.M. Krishna in 2003 was let go by the Congress government headed by Siddaramaiah.

Who should administer?

BJP member A.H. Vishwanath, during whose tenure as Cooperation Minister the scheme had been launched, said that it should be administered by the Cooperation Department since the scheme failed after it was handed over to the Health Department. Another former Cooperation Minister Laxman Savadi cautioned the government that some of the empanelled private hospitals could commit irregularities and the government needs to be vigilant.

The scheme, which is slightly modified from the earlier one, envisages to provide access to quality medical facilities to farming families.

Crop loss compensation hiked: CM

Opposition takes exception to district in-charge Ministers' absence on ground

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that compensation for crops in rainfed area has been increased from ₹6,800 to ₹13,600 per hectare, and from ₹13,500 to ₹25,000 per hectare for irrigated area.

Mr. Bommai said that for horticultural crops, the compensation has been hiked to ₹28,000 per hectare.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok said compensation of ₹116.38 crore to 1.04 lakh farmers would be released in two days. Survey of crop damage had not been completed following rains across the State, he said.

Mr. Bommai said a revised memorandum would be submitted to the centre seeking compensation for the crop loss. A few days later, it submitted the memorandum mentioning the crop loss at ₹7,647.13 crore. He said the Centre had released ₹325 crore each in April-May and now in September, under the SDRF.

Speaking on losses suffered following floods later in the day, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah trained his guns on Ministers in BJP government and said most of the district in-charge Ministers had failed to either visit or monitor the rain relief works in the districts assigned to them.

Mr. Siddaramaiah maintained that most were busy in Bengaluru though people in the districts assigned to them were suffering due to heavy rain.

The State government had provided a meagre crop loss compensation of ₹2,134 crore as against the actual damage to the tune of ₹2 lakh crore suffered by farmers in the last four years due to heavy rain and floods, he alleged, asking the government to be pragmatic while assessing the losses and providing compensation.

Govt. didn't act on EMPRI report: Siddaramaiah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah said climate change had been causing excess rainfall and extensive damage to agricultural/horticultural crops and public properties in Karnataka, and the State government did not take action on the report on climate change prepared by the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), the nodal agency of the government.

The Karnataka State Action Plan on Climate Change (2021) prepared by EMPRI predicted climate change and change in rainfall patterns in the State. But the government slept on the report without initiating any action, he said initiating a debate on the rain havoc. Quoting the report findings, Mr. Siddaramaiah said climate change experts predicted a fall in productivity of paddy by 5.6%, ragi by 12%, groundnut by 19%, and soybean by 28.6% while growth in output of cotton by 55%, maize by 24.5%, and sugarcane by 6.1%.

He said drought-prone areas such as Tumakuru, Ramanagaram, and Kolar received twice the normal rainfall. While Ramanagaram received 1,090 mm as against the normal of 465 mm as of September 6. Similarly, Tumakuru received 1,004 mm rainfall as against normal of 350 mm.

The Karnataka State Action Plan on Climate Change estimated the annual Budget requirement for climate change action plan of the State at ₹20,880 crore in 2025 and ₹52,827 crore in 2030.

CM to decide on milk price hike

Karnataka Milk Federation had sought increase by ₹3 per litre

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will take a final decision on the demand raised by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to increase the price of milk by ₹3 per litre.

Responding to a plea made by Congress member S. Ravi, Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekar told the Legislative Council that the Chief Minister was aware of the issue, and that he would decide on it.

Consumers' interest

"We also have to consider the interest of consumers. Several consumers have written to the Chief Minister against the hike. KMF has said that the hike effected will be passed on to farmers," he said.

When Mr. Ravi said that though the unions had the right to raise the price of milk on their own but had been dependent on the government's decision as a precedent had been set, the Minister shot back: "If they can raise the price, why are they seeking the government's permission?" He also pointed out that it was the government that bailed out the milk federation during the pandemic by paying ₹70 crore for the milk supplied free.

Not recovering cost

Earlier, Mr. Ravi said that the farmers have not recovered the labour cost for milk produced since the procurement rates varied around ₹27 a litre besides the ₹5 financial incentive given to farmers. "Input costs have gone up. Due to high moisture content in the fodder, the quality of milk and fat content has come down resulting in the drop of milk procurement by Bengaluru Milk Union from about 19 lakh litre a day to 16 lakh litre a day," he said.

Stage set for implementation of NEP in anganwadis

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government will implement the National Education Policy (NEP) for preschool in about 20,000 anganwadis for which preparatory work is underway.

Clarifying that anganwadi workers will not be removed post implementation of NEP, Minister for Women and Child Development Halappa Acahar told the Legislative Council on Tuesday that about 20,000 of the total 66,361 anganwadis in the State are manned by workers who have studied PU and above, for whom skill development will be taken up.

Responding to the question by JD(S) member Govindaraj, the Minister said that six committees have been formed to evolve curriculum and other related aspects of education in anganwadis.

Earlier, Mr. Govindaraj asked the government if it was ready to implement NEP at anganwadis, and sought to know if all facilities as listed by NEP will be available.

When the JD(S) member pointed out that it would be difficult to upgrade skills among the anganwadi workers many of whom are above 48 years of age, the Minister said skilling process will be taken up soon.

Ration on the doorstep of pregnant women in six districts

Demand raised in Council to extend scheme across State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to handover ration on the doorstep of pregnant women to ensure nutritious diet in six districts in Karnataka, even as demands came to extend it across all districts.

Minister for Women and Child Development Halappa Achar told the Legislative Council here on Tuesday that the government has ordered delivery of rations to doorstep to six hilly districts under the Matru Poorna yojane, which was launched in 2017 by the Siddaramaiah-led government to provide nutritious diet.

System replaced

Mr. Achar's statement came after Congress member Manjunath Bhandary raised the issue. "The take-home ration has replaced the system of pregnant women walking to the nearest anganwadi to get nutritious food," the Minister said.

However, BJP member Bharathi Shetty urged the government to extend the scheme across the State. She said the government should provide the option to women.

Mr. Achar said while there have been demands to provide ration at home, there is another section that points out that the food supplied at home is not reaching pregnant women. He, however, said that the women can exercise their option to take it at home or consume it at anganwadis.

Issue of attack on Siddaramaiah's car leads to pandemonium in Assembly

'It was a conspiracy to prevent me from inspecting sub-standard works by MLAs'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The recent episode of eggs being thrown on the car of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah in Kodagu created heat in the Assembly on Tuesday, following Mr. Siddaramaiah's allegations that it was part of a "conspiracy" by the hilly district's BJP legislators and contractors to prevent him from inspecting some of the substandard rain relief works executed by them.

Raising the issue in the Assembly during the debate on rain woes, Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged that the two BJP MLAs from the district had conspired to instigate their supporters to throw eggs on his vehicle and hold black flag demonstration.

'I can do it too'

"We will not be cowed down.

Siddaramaiah

In fact, I am capable of ensuring that such attacks happen against you throughout the State. But I will not resort to it," Mr. Siddaramaiah told BJP leaders, even as the House plunged into a pandemonium with an argument ensuing between members of the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress.

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However, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra denied this charge and maintained that the police were active in providing security to Mr. Siddaramaiah and that they had acted swiftly.

The BJP leaders launched a counter attack at Mr. Siddaramaiah by alleging that his pro-Tipu Sultan stand had instigated people of Kodagu to resort to such an attack at him.

'Will visit more often'

Denying this, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "Development worth not even a single rupee has been taken up in Kodagu in your regime. Hence, you are trying to prevent me from visiting the district." He added that he would visit Kodagu more often.

He challenged the government to conduct an inquiry, when PWD Minister C.C. Patil alleged that the retaining wall that collapsed in front of Deputy Commissioner's office in Kodagu had actually been built mainly due to the pressure of the then district in-charge Minister and Congress leader K.J. George though experts had said it was not feasible.

Four Bills tabled in Legislative Assembly

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Four Bills, including the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, were tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

The Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (Amendment) Bill that seeks to replace an ordinance in this regard would provide for treating offences under this Act as cognisable and non-bailable.

The Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill that seeks to replace the ordinance promulgated earlier seeks to extend the cut off date by one year to apply for regularisation of unauthorised cultivation of government land.

The Karnataka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, which too seeks to replace an ordinance in this regard, proposes to exempt villages from taking approval for building plans from the Department of Town and Country Planning.

The Karnataka Silkworm Seed, Cocoon and Silk Yarn (Regulation of Production, Supply, Distribution and Sale) (Amendment Bill) seeks to provide for all transactions involving the sale or purchase of cocoons in a cocoon market by open auction or by e-auction. It also seeks to provide for making payment of in cash or through ECS or RTGS or NEFT mode.

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E-Procurement Tender Publication

Tender document for the Supplying Furniture's, Bed, Bedspread, pillows, Projector & screen, Teaching aids, Laboratory Items, Nursing Kit , Water Purifier, Solar Water Heater and Vessels FOR SUPPLY OF COMING UNDER KREIS Residential schools District FOR THE YEAR 2022-23
Joint Director, Social Welfare , Department TUMAKURU Dist hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from officially registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organizations who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under Society Act to Supply Furniture's, Bed, Bedspread, pillows, Projector & screen, Teaching aids, Laboratory Items, Nursing Kit , Water Purifier, Solar Water Heater and Vessels for 9 institutions spread over TUMAKURU District as described in the requirements.
(1) Tender Reference No and date JD/SWD/MKAIRS/CR01/2022-23/ D:08.09.2022 **(2)** Amount put to Tender **As per E-Procurement Portel (3)** Starting date & Time for submission of Tender **08.09.2022 (4)** Last date & Time for submission of Tender **22.09.2022 (4)** EMD Amount **As per E-Procurement Portel (5)** Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication **Office Of Joint Director,Social Welfare Department, Near DC Office, Tumakuru**
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Tender corrigendum Notification No.11-1/2022-23 Date:02.09.2022
Ref: Tender Notification No.11/2022-23 Dt:27.07.2022

Tender is invited through e-Procurement for 2 court building construction works in the limits of Kolar & Srinivasapura Taluk Public Works Department from the Class-I PWD Registered Contractors under H/A:4059-80-051-0-32-386-court buildings. Amount put to tender: Min:**Rs.1500.00 Lakhs Max: Rs.2500.00 Lakhs** EMD Amount: **Min:15.00 Lakhs. Max:25.00 Lakhs.** Period for completion of work: **20 months.** Contractors may download the tender documents KW-4 from Karnataka State e-Procurement portal **(viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded **on or before 4.00 p.m. on 23.9.2022** through Karnataka State e-Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened **after 4.30 p.m. on 26.9.2022** in e-Procurement. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact e-Procurement portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.
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No.: EE/RDW&Sanitation Division/BR/Tender/22-23/960 Date : 12.09.2022

E-Procurement Short-term Tender Notification No. 14/2022-23, Date: 12.09.2022

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka through e-Procurement Portal for the **Empanelment of Third Party Agency under Jal Jeevan Mission for Rural Drinking Water Works of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Bengaluru Rural. (1)** Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 4.00 p.m. on 15.09.2022. (2)** Pre-bid meeting: **26.09.2022, at 11.00 a.m.** RDW&S Division, Bengaluru Rural at Beerasandra, Devanahalli. **(3)** Last date for tender uploading: **Up to 4.05 p.m. on 06.10.2022. (4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **At 4.05 p.m. on 07.10.2022. (5)** Date of opening of Financial Bid: **at 11.00 a.m. on 12.10.2022.** More details can be taken from the office or through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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NOTIFICATION

Press notification was issued on 21-07-2022 as first phase to work at **'Namma Clinics'** being established in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits and Walk-in Process on Merit Cum Roster basis was conducted on 25-07-2022. As per the said notification provisional list of selected eligible candidates for the Posts of Medical Officers (08), Staff Nurse (08), Lab Technicians (08) are published in Website: **https://bbmp.gov.in** of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. In second phase press notification was issued on 03-08-2022 for 235 'Namma Clinics' and Walk-in Process for eligible candidates on Merit Cum Roster basis was conducted on 10-08-2022 and 11-08-2022. As per the said notification provisional list of selected candidates for the Posts of Medical Officers (149), Staff Nurse (235), Lab Technicians (235) are also published in the said website of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. If there is any objections for any post in the said provisional selection list shall be submitted in writing to the **Office of the Chief Health Officer (P.H), Room No.13, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002** or through Post (Register Post) or through E-mail: **choph@bbmp.gov.in** within 07 government working days from the date of publication of this notice.
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Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the road works in the limits of Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the Registered Contractors under **H/A : 5054-S.H and M.D.R. improvements.** Amount put to tender: **minimum Rs. 75.00 Lakhs. maximum Rs. 400.00 Lakhs.** EMD Amount: **minimum Rs. 1.50 Lakhs. maximum Rs. 6.00 Lakhs.** Period for completion of work: **minimum 6 months, maximum 11 months .**
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Kerala's enduring fascination for Jean-Luc Godard

International Film Festival of Kerala conferred Lifetime Achievement award on the French filmmaker last year

S.R. PRAVEEN
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Film buffs in Kerala will have their own personal favourites to pick from the extensive oeuvre of legendary French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard who passed away on Tuesday at the age of 91. But one enduring personal memory for all of them perhaps would be the image of him speaking directly to them through a video conference from his home at the opening ceremony of the 25th International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) in 2021.

The filmmaker, who famously refused to accept an honorary Oscar some years ago, made the appearance to accept the Lifetime Achievement award conferred on him by the IFFK.

Lighting up a cigar on screen, he thanked the IFFK for screening good and sensible films and expressed joy at the fact that five of his films are being screened too. "I am sorry for speaking in the tongue of the dominators (English)," he said, amid loud cheers.

Filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan, who received the award in his absence, remembered Godard as someone who rewrote the grammar of cinema.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had after presenting the award recollected the filmmaker's part in raising voice against the Vietnam war, the attacks on Palestine and in lending support to the May 1968 protests in Paris.

In his condolence note on Tuesday, Mr. Vijayan wrote that the filmmaker had played a key role in bringing Left progressive ideas on to the screen.

Film editor Bina Paul, former festival director of the IFFK, remembers the several attempts made to bring Godard to Kerala, with COVID-19 spoiling the plans last year. During his

Jean-Luc Godard speaking at the 25th IFFK when he was given the Lifetime Achievement Award. • FILE PHOTO

75th birthday, the IFFK had a special package titled 'Happy Birthday Monsieur Godard'.

The adulation he has been receiving here is a reflection of the kind of influence he has had on film viewers as well as a generation of filmmakers. One might not be able to draw a straight line from the French new wave, pioneered by Godard, François Truffaut and others to the Malayalam new wave of the 1960s and 70s, but there certainly have been influences.

"When the film society movement started in Kerala in the 1970s, it had a radical Left character. Godard was its biggest icon during that period, with strident critiques of the existing filmmaking paradigms as well as film criticism. There used to be a saying - 'In cinema, there is no god, only Godard'. It is not a surprise that he has such wide acceptance in a society such as Kerala," says film critic G.P. Ramachandran who wrote the book *Godard Pala Yathrakal* (Many Journeys of Godard).

Politics in films

Godard's politics was not in his film's content alone, but in the form too, which he constantly reinvented. "The problem is not to make political films, but to make films politically," he had once said.

His debut film *Breathless* itself is marked by the pioneering use of jump cuts and a minimalist style. In *Alphaville*, his science fiction film on an all-powerful technology which snuffs out literature and art and keeps everyone under a tight leash, he used everyday objects to tell a futuristic story.

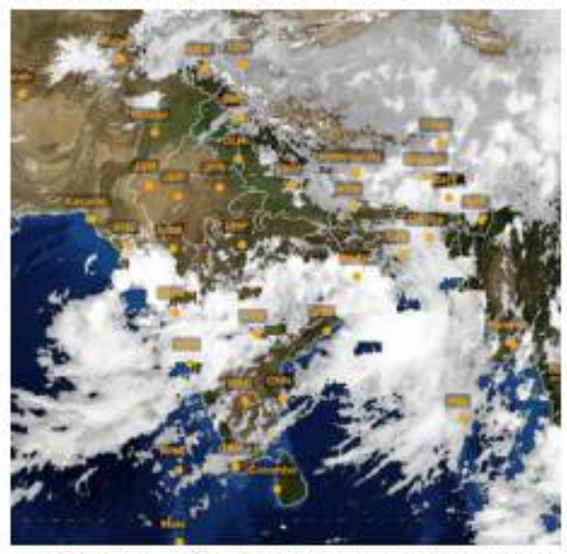
Cinema was for Godard one of the tools which he used to express his philosophy and politics. Films such as *Masculin Feminin*, which portrayed youngsters breaking away from an older set of norms, became examples of his perceptive understanding of the changes around him. The 1972 film *Tout va bien* (Everything's Fine), made as part of the Dziga Vertov Group, had class politics as its focus, just like quite a few other of his works. *Les Petit Soldat* faced ban for some years in France due to its portrayal of French torture of Algerians. *Les Carabiniers* made his anti-war philosophy clearer.

Though his influence did wane in the later decades, he continued to make cinema in his own way. The 266-minute video project *Histoire(s) du cinema* showed his enduring love for the medium.

When he made a foray into 3D filmmaking with *Goodbye to Language* in his 80s, he would keep on experimenting as long as he made films, which was till the fag end of his long, fruitful life.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and coastal Karnataka. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	17	28.5	24.7	Kozhikode	2	31.8	25.5
Ahmedabad	16	34.2	25.0	Kurnool	–	32.3	24.2
Aizawl	–	–	–	Lucknow	–	30.3	25.7
Allahabad	–	29.9	25.9	Madurai	–	37.4	23.5
Bengaluru	–	26.3	19.6	Mangaluru	11.3	28.6	22.9
Bhopal	3.8	28.0	24.2	Mumbai	93	27.8	24.5
Bhubaneswar	2	29.1	25.4	Mysuru	–	31.3	21.6
Chandigarh	5.6	34.7	25.9	New Delhi	9.4	35.4	23.8
Chennai	–	35.5	27.3	Patna	3	31.2	25.7
Coimbatore	–	31.6	22.4	Port Blair	–	31.4	25.3
Dehradun	6	31.6	22.1	Puducherry	–	34.6	24.8
Gangtok	31	18.4	16.9	Pune	8	26.6	22.5
Goa	16	30.0	23.9	Raipur	6	30.2	24.0
Guwahati	13	31.8	24.6	Ranchi	42	27.8	22.6
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	15	21.0	17.1
Hyderabad	10.8	28.5	22.4	Shimla	6	22.4	15.2
Imphal	45	29.5	19.7	Srinagar	–	29.6	14.5
Jaipur	–	31.7	26.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.4	31.0	24.7
Kochi	5	29.8	24.4	Tiruchi	–	35.9	24.8
Kohima	37.8	22.6	16.4	Vijayawada	–	32.4	26.0
Kolkata	77	27.8	24.7	Visakhapatnam	–	30.0	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	74	72	48	60	76	
Bengaluru	7	13	78	59	75	
Chennai	3	22	127	74	68	
Delhi	19	44	35	90	91	
Hyderabad	8	3	112	17	27	
Kolkata	6	28	19	21	33	
Lucknow	11	70	24	18	56	
Mumbai	7	55	20	48	94	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	22	37	41	44	77	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ambala, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 156 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Satna, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Rahul interacts with SilverLine protesters

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi completed its Thiruvananthapuram leg on Tuesday.

The MP interacted with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers and those protesting against the SilverLine semi-high-speed rail project on the day. The rally which resumed from the Alummoodu market in Kaniyapuram continued to draw large crowds who braved the intermittent downpour. The *padayatra* which halted at Kallambalam for the day will resume at Navaikulam on Wednesday.

Mr. Gandhi heard the concerns of the representatives of the *Samsthana* K-Rail SilverLine *Virudha Janakeeya Samiti*, which has been spearheading the agitation against the K-Rail project during the mid-day halt at Mamom, near Attingal.

Action council chairman M.P. Baburaj told mediapersons that Mr. Gandhi had pledged his support towards their movement.

Telangana fire toll rises to eight

Fire began in the cellar where electric scooters were kept

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A day after a fire killed six guests of a hotel in Secunderabad, the death toll rose to eight. The fire began in the cellar of the building on Monday where electric scooters were parked.

According to the Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services (TSDRFS), the structure in which the fire broke out comprises a cellar, ground floor and four upper floors. It houses an electric vehicle showroom – Ruby Motors – and a hotel that has 28 rooms.

Looking for clues: The police inspecting the site where a fire broke out in Secunderabad on Tuesday. • PTI

As many as 25 people were staying in the hotel during the accident.

A total of 17 people, out of which 11 were injured, were rescued. At least six people managed to escape as they jumped from the fifth floor of the ill-fated building onto an adjacent structure.

The TSDRFS suspect that either an electric scooter or a generator that was kept in the showroom caused the fire. While the structure had fire fighting equipment, it was not in working condition, they said. The owners were "illegally" storing electric vehicles in the cellar, they said.

Karnataka Cong. launches anti-graft drive

It announces toll-free helpline to register complaints

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Launching a campaign against the BJP government on the alleged "40% corruption" charges, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) on Tuesday announced a toll-free helpline (844 770 40 40) for people to register their complaints against the government.

People can also log on to www.40percentsarkara.com and submit their complaints, announced KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah here.

Video campaign

Addressing a joint press conference, Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Siddaramaiah launched a video campaign against the alleged corruption. "The campaign with a slogan '40% Sarkara, BJP Andre Brashtachara' (40% government, BJP means corruption) will help every Kannadiga raise their voice against the BJP," Mr. Shivakumar said.

Congress leaders Saleem Ahmed, Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, and B.K. Hariprasad releasing the 'BJP bribe rate card' in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Each and every Kannadiga is affected by the BJP's corruption and we will help people raise their voice. The Congress will make sure that the BJP is held accountable for each complaint that we receive and that no government ever targets whistleblowers again. We will go to each person in Karnataka, speak to them about their grievances, and become their voice," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who alleged that Karnataka is currently burdened by the greed of the BJP government, said: "This 40% government has made the words 'corruption' and 'commission' the mainstay in every aspect of governance."

"The Congress will not let the BJP destroy the lives of the people of Karnataka. We exposed the BJP's failures in front of everyone when we asked them questions on the unkept promises. We have asked them 15 questions till now and their silence on those questions is the admission of guilt. We will continue to expose the BJP," he said.

Referring to the corruption charges against former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa by a contractor and his subsequent death and the Contractors' Association president Kempanna's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "There are charges of 30% commission in funds given to religious institutions, 50% in BBMP, and fixed rates for government jobs. Many are reluctant to complain against the government and our helpline to raise the voice of such people."

Vande Bharat Express may run from Bengaluru to 3 destinations

The proposed cities are Coimbatore, Chennai, Hubballi

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

At a time when indigenous semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express is creating a lot of hype, the South Western Railway (SWR) has proposed to the Railway Board for operating the new generation trains on three routes connecting Bengaluru.

The proposed routes are Bengaluru to Coimbatore, Bengaluru to Chennai, and Bengaluru to Hubballi.

Factors

Sources in the SWR said routes proposed for Vande Bharat were based on their popularity and feasibility. "The proposal has been formally submitted to the Railway Board. The Board will take a final decision on introducing new services. The number of rakes, schedules and others will be decided by the Railway Board," they said.

"We are hoping that people who are relying on the air travel on these routes may also shift to Vande Bharat. Travel experience in the new trains will be superior in terms of speed and travel comfort with reclining seats, user-friendly amenities, design-wise aesthetic features of the coach are good," sources added.

The Railways has been maintaining that speed, safety and services are the hallmarks of Vande Bharat Express. A few days ago, the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the trial run of third Vande Bharat between Mumbai and Ahmedabad was successfully completed and the train was operated at maximum speed of 180 kmph at a stable condition. It reached 0-100 kmph in 52 seconds. The minister said a green signal had been received from the Railway Safety Commissioner. Integral Coach Factory in Chennai will roll out 75 Vande Bharat Express trains.

Track doubling

Sources said Union Minister Pralhad Joshi had requested the Railways to run a Vande Bharat train between Hubballi and Bengaluru. "Doubling of track between Hubballi and Bengaluru will provide a more conducive environment to run Vande Bharat train. Between Hubballi and Bengaluru, doubling of line is pending between South Hubballi and Haveri over a distance of 45 km. The work is expected to be completed by year-end. The SWR is also targeting electrification of the line by March 2023," said a source.

Alternative location for temple on BU campus

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore University (BU) Syndicate on Tuesday decided to build the Ganesha temple at an alternate location on the Jnana Bharathi campus.

The Syndicate also decided to form a sub-committee to find the alternative location for the temple and they will speak to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to stop the construction work until a new place is identified.

The Syndicate meeting was headed by Vice-Chancellor Jayakara S.M.

However, some Syndicate members opposed the construction of the temple in the alternative place and demanded to build it in the same place. "Already, the construction work is going on and it is a proper place for the temple," they argued and threatened to build the temple at the same place.

Finally, the Syndicate took the decision to find an alternative location on the campus .

Sudhakar H., Syndicate member, told to *The Hindu*, "BBMP is constructing the temple behind the administrative block of the university. This is not an appropriate place for the temple. So, the Syndicate decided to find a better place to build the temple. We also decided to form the sub-committee to find the alternative place. We want to resolve this issue peacefully."

The construction of Ganesha temple on the Jnanabharathi campus had created tension in the university. Students and faculty members held protests in front of the administration office of the university last week to oppose the construction.

POCSO case: School principal, computer operator booked

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

The principal of a State-run residential school at Chincholi in Kalaburagi district and a computer operator in the same institution have been booked under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for sexually abusing minor girls in their institution.

Just as a video clip of some girls of the institution alleging sexual crimes on the two went viral, Chincholi tahshildar Anjum Tabassum and Deputy Superintendent of Police K. Basavaraj visited the school.

The team found that the girls had not had any food since morning after one of them had attempted suicide after she was repeatedly subjected to sexual violence. The team managed to convince the girls to have food and later registered a case.

Following a complaint by the tahshildar and an officer from Woman and Child Development, the police arrested the accused.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Superintendent of Police Isha Pant said the accused, Chetan Reddy and Sangamesh, were sexually abusing around 10 girls and added that the number of victims could be more.

"As per the victims' account, the accused were sexually abusing the girls for a long time. However, their abuse increased after the main accused took charge as the principal (provisional) of the school last month," Ms. Pant said.

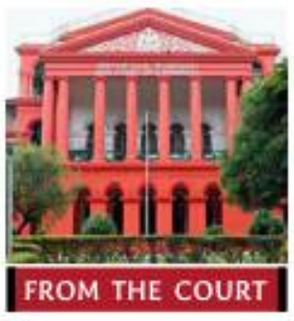
Deputy Commissioner Yeshwanth Gurukar, who visited the school on Monday, said that both the public servants were put under suspension and two women staff were deputed in their place. Speaking to *The Hindu* in the evening, Mr. Gurukar said that all the 75 girls in the school were shifted to Inspection Bungalow (State Guest House).

It is learnt that Chetan Reddy was a BJP member. His selfie with Housing Minister V. Somanna and photos of him wearing a shawl having BJP symbol were making rounds on social media.

No bar on number of cooperative societies in an area: Karnataka HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

There is no bar under the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act, 1959, on the number of cooperative societies that can be registered in an area, the High Court of Karnataka has said while pointing out that the law only mandates consideration of various factors before according permission for a new society in the same area.



FROM THE COURT

"The registering authority at the time of according permission for registration of a new cooperative society has to consider certain factors as stated in the Act and Rules, which includes the factor of overlapping of the existing, similar co-operative societies," the Court made it clear.

Justice M.I. Arun passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Prathamika Krushi Pattina Sahakari Sangha Niyamitha of Thekkalkote in Sriuguppa taluk of Ballari district.

The petitioner-society had questioned the permission granted to an agriculturist for promoting another similar society in the same area in which the petitioner-society is operating.

The petitioner had contended that once a cooperative society is operating in any area, then without hearing the already existing cooperative society the permission for a new cooperative society cannot be granted.

However, the High Court said that there is neither bar in law for according permission to establish more than one cooperative society in the same area nor there is any need to hear the existing cooperative society.

What has to be looked into is whether the fact of another competing cooperative society being already in existence in the area and the requirement for a new cooperative society has been examined by the registering authority or not, the court said while pointing out that a rival cooperative society will always contend that there is no need for establishment of another cooperative society.

In the present case, the court noted, the authority had noticed that the "petitioner-society has not been able to cater to the requirement of all the farmers in the area and given the population of the area, registration of another cooperative society is only going to benefit the cooperative movement in the said area and help the people."

Part of a pattern

Courts should be wary of giving a toehold to communal forces in religious disputes

Hindu revanchism has found a way to use the legal route to record early success in its latest communal campaign. The district court in Varanasi has rejected objections to the maintainability of a suit filed by five Hindu devotees seeking the right of daily worship at a spot in the Gyanvapi mosque. Of particular significance is that the court ruled that the suit is not prohibited by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which freezes the status of places of worship as it was on August 15, 1947 and bars suits that seek to change their character. On the fact of it, the ruling only paves the way for the suit to be heard and is in consonance with law. The plaintiffs have argued that the spot had the status of a Hindu temple on that day and ever since, and that the suit does not seek to convert a mosque into a temple; on the other hand, they are only demanding the right to worship deities in the complex. If limited to this assertion of a religious and customary right, the suit may indeed not be barred by the 1991 law. However, it is a matter of concern that the ruling is also grounded in other claims that appear to question the mosque's status. For instance, the court says records produced by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee were not enough to show that the complex was Waqf property. This appears in concert with the Hindu side's claim that Muslims were "encroachers", an assertion that clearly makes it a dispute aimed at converting the property's status.

Courts should be wary of underhand designs behind the legal facade that such litigation builds to gain a toehold right that can be incrementally expanded. The mere pendency of some kinds of religious disputes can contribute to the vitiation of peace and harmony. It is now clear that the enactment of a special law to freeze the status of places of worship and prohibit litigation over inter-religious disputes over their location has not stemmed the Hindu right-wing's obsession with targeting mosques and stoking communal passions. It is no surprise that the latest efforts to raise civil and legal disputes involving the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi and the Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura are being made in tandem with a campaign against the Places of Worship Act. Several petitions have been filed challenging its validity. That such a campaign goes on despite the experience of communal frenzy through the 1990s shows the unregenerate nature of majoritarian forces. The abominable destruction of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, the communal riots that took place in its aftermath, the serial bomb blasts in Mumbai, and the fundamentalist violence that the sequence of events spawned cannot be forgotten. It is unfortunate that an atmosphere has been created in which the political leadership can encourage divisive litigation and exploit the process, if not influence the outcome.

A different Slam

Alcaraz and Swiatek have emerged on top from a slow churn in tennis

The US Open defies tradition. It was the first Major to introduce a final-set tiebreak way back in 1970. It was the first to award men and women equal prize money in 1973. This year, it became the first to introduce coaching during matches. There is also nonconformity of a different kind; Flushing Meadows is no single male player's fiefdom. Since January 2006, the Australian Open, Roland-Garros and Wimbledon have collectively seen just five different winners. In the same time span, US Open has had 10, the last of which is Spanish sensation Carlos Alcaraz, crowned the king of New York on Sunday after a four-set victory over Norway's Casper Ruud. The triumph has taken Alcaraz, 19, to the pinnacle of ATP rankings, making him the youngest man to reach the top. He is also the first teenager to win a Grand Slam tournament since Rafael Nadal at the 2005 French Open. The title run was Alcaraz's baptism by fire. Prior to the final, he had spent over 20 hours on court and had to battle through three tough five-setters that finished well past midnight. Ruud, known for his consistency and court coverage, had past experience of a Major final (2022 French Open). But Alcaraz did not suffer a letdown, displaying the same spirit he had in clinching the Madrid Masters in May by defeating Alexander Zverev after having recorded back-to-back victories over Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

Circumstances played a role in Alcaraz's ascent. Djokovic not being awarded any points for his Wimbledon win and then being barred from entering the United States of America because of his unvaccinated status eased his path. While he undoubtedly plays first-strike tennis of the highest order, there may yet be contemporary equals. Jannik Sinner, after all, had a match-point in the fourth set of their quarterfinal. But no player in recent memory has combined as many good traits – shot-selection, temperament and a complete absence of big-match nerves – into such a wholesome package like Alcaraz. Even as the Spaniard ushers in the churn at the top of the men's game, the women's side seems to be settling down, with both a dominant force and a pecking order emerging. Iga Swiatek, the unquestionable World No.1 since the first week of April, captured her maiden US Open – second Grand Slam title in 2022 after Paris and third overall – while Ons Jabeur made her second straight final. Though Naomi Osaka has a higher Slam count (four), Swiatek's awe-inspiring all-court prowess makes her the ideal candidate to be the next figurehead. As Serena Williams heads into retirement – the third-round defeat in New York appears to be her last stand – it finally feels like the passing of the baton.

For India, the buzzword now is 'all-alignment'

Its participation in the SCO summit is a clear signal of pursuing multi-alignment with its partners worldwide

SUHASINI HAIDAR

In his book *The India Way*, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar offers a critique of India's traditional policy of "non-alignment" where he distinguishes between the "optimistic non-alignment" of the past, which he feels has failed, that must give way to more realistic "multiple engagements of the future". He writes, "This is a game best played on the front foot, appreciating that progress on any one front strengthens that on all others."

By announcing his visit to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan this week (September 15 and 16), Prime Minister Narendra Modi has certainly spoken with his feet, as have the other leaders attending the event, at a time when lingering strains of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russian war in Ukraine, the upcoming Chinese Party Congress (in October), and floods in Pakistan could well have given them reason to hold the summit virtually – as they have for the past two years. Instead, the Uzbekistan SCO summit will host a full house: 15 leaders including eight member states from four Central Asian States, China, India, Pakistan and Russia, the observer states: Belarus, Mongolia and Iran (which will become member this year) – Afghanistan is not invited – and leaders of guest countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey and Turkmenistan.

Balancing the blocs

Even before the summit begins, Mr. Modi, by his plans to attend, is sending the world a number of messages. To begin with, the visit reinforces his commitment to an Indian foreign policy that balances various blocs – pitting India's membership of the SCO and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) against its membership of the Quad (Australia, India, Japan, the U.S.), groups such as the I2U2 (India-Israel-U.S.-UAE), and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). This was highlighted more recently with India joining the Russian-led 'Vostok' Army Exercises along with China, and plans to host SCO-RATS (or the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization) counterterror exercises while the Indian Air Force took part in the Australian 'Pitch Black' exercises, and the Indian Army is planning exercises with the U.S. (Yudh Abhyas) next month close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC). In a Venn diagram, India is the only country that would form the intersection, a part of all of those groupings.

Another juxtaposition is that of values over interests, or that of the western brand of a "coalition of democracies", against a more Eurasian brand of a "coalition of common goals". It is worth noting that the SCO membership is not premised on India's traditional non-aligned posture. While Mr. Modi has skipped all the Non-Aligned Movement summits in his tenure (the only Indian Prime Minister to do so, apart from caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh in 1979), he chose to lead India into the SCO in 2017. Next year, India will host the SCO summit, and is expected to invite all members – this includes Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif – showing how far New Delhi will be willing to go in its commitment to the SCO.

On Russia's Putin

The next basket of signals Mr. Modi sends out is to individual members of the SCO, regardless of whether he will hold a one-on-one with each of their leaders on the sidelines or not. The first is to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is under a western siege over his invasion of Ukraine. Since February, India has refused to heed pleas from the U.S. and Europe to endorse resolutions critical of Russia at the United Nations, and has most often abstained on voting. The Government has not only rejected calls to cut its Russian oil imports but it has also done the reverse: imports of Russian oil jumped from 0.66 million tonnes in the first quarter to 8.42 million tonnes in the second this year. In particular, Rosneft-part owned

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Gujarat-based refinery Nayara Energy has imported a substantial part of the oil, much of it for export of crude products. During a virtual address at the Putin-led Eastern Economic Forum last week, Mr. Modi also said India wants to further strengthen energy ties, building on the $16 billion investment Indian public sector units already have in Russian oil and gas fields. A Modi-Putin summit at this point would send out a much more powerful message to western leaders, who are planning to boycott Mr. Putin at the upcoming G-20 summit in Bali in November.

Meetings with these leaders

The other most closely watched engagement will be between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi. The two leaders, who met 18 times between 2014-2019, have not spoken directly once since the standoff that began in April 2020 between the Indian Army and the People's Liberation Army (PLA). India-China bilateral ties have come to a virtual standstill on most fronts, with the exception of trade, and many have been sceptical that the latest round of disengagement at the LAC's Patrolling Point (PP)-15 can pave the way for summit-level discussions at this point in the relationship. It seems likely that the leaders will come face to face during the summit, and any discussion will be significant.

It should be remembered that during the Doklam conflict, it was a "brush by" meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi at the G-20 summit venue in Hamburg, in July 2017, that led to the "breakthrough" in talks and resulted in Mr. Modi's visit to Xiamen for the BRICS summit two months later (in September 2017); a similar trajectory may be pursued, leading up to the G-20 summit in Bali. To those aghast at the idea that India can hold such a meeting despite the PLA's transgressions into Indian territory, it must be recalled that the Government has never formally stated that Chinese troops are on Indian soil, or updated Mr. Modi's June 2020 assertion that "no one came inside, nor is anyone inside Indian territory".

Other important signals would come from a proposed summit with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, given that Mr. Modi, at the SCO summit, is expected to pitch the Chabahar port terminal India is developing (Shahid Beheshti) as an important route for trade to Central Asia and Russia. Although India is no longer a part of the railway connectivity project from Chabahar, Iran has asked for support with "above ground" equipment and parts for its plans to extend the rail line from the Afghan border outpost to Turkmenistan, the shortest possible route for India. This would also tie in with the Modi government's plans to build a connectivity framework that counters the China-Pakistan-Economic Corridor from Gwadar, which China plans to connect through Afghanistan to Central Asia. Last week, Afghanistan, China, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan signed a railway agreement for a new "Regional Economic Corridor" to take their plan forward.

The oil issue

In addition to connectivity, Iran will focus, in meetings with India, on restoring Indian imports of Iranian crude at the earliest. While India cancelled its Iran oil purchases, a sizeable 12% chunk of its imports, in 2019 after the Donald Trump administration in the U.S. threatened New Delhi with sanctions, it is clear the geopolitical map has changed since then. The Biden administration is back in negotiations with Iran for its re-entry to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear agreement (the P5+1, the European Union, and Iran), and is much more focused on curtailing Russia's oil revenues than on Iran's.

It is puzzling that the Modi government – it asserts its right to buy discounted Russian oil in order to stave off inflation for the Indian consumer – has not yet considered reviving its old, cheaper and sweeter crude contracts that Indian refineries are better suited for. New Delhi may also review its decision to kowtow to the U.S.'s unilateral, non-UN sanctions on Iran (and Venezuela). More recently, the Modi government's decision to push back against the American threats of sanctions on the S-400 Triumf missile defence system deal and on oil trade with Russia, has forced the U.S. to blink.

Finally, Pakistan

Finally, there are the optics of the Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers attending the same conference, which will undoubtedly lead to speculation about a possible thaw in a frozen relationship. After the Modi government's claim in 2016 that it would ensure Pakistan is "isolated" on the terror issue, and the decision by the government of Imran Khan in 2019 that no trade with India is possible without a reversal of New Delhi's Article 370 moves in Jammu and Kashmir, formal communication has all but ended. However, a powerful backchannel with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Pakistani military interlocutors is evidenced by the ceasefire being largely maintained at the Line of Control, regular border commander talks and the relative calm after the misfiring of an Indian ballistic missile into Pakistan this year (March). With Pakistan reeling from massive floods, an economic crisis, and growing worries of an unstable Afghanistan at its border, it remains to be seen whether Pakistan leader Sharif can find a way to hold a conversation with Mr. Modi at the SCO, and if Mr. Modi, with an eye to hosting the SCO and the G-20 next year, is willing to reciprocate.

Above all, India's participation in the SCO summit, and Mr. Modi's decision to stand shoulder to shoulder with Putin-Xi-Raisi-Erdoğan-Lukashenko just months after he met with Biden-Kishida-Albanese at the Quad summit affirms Mr. Jaisankar's prognosis: that "hedging" is the name of the game today, as India fights for its unique brand of multi-alignment or "all-alignment" with partners worldwide, without having to choose between them. As in Tokyo and Samarkand, just "showing up" is half the battle won.

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Connecting the dots to boost the patent ecosystem

Increasing the efficiency of processing patent applications and wider academia-industry collaboration are crucial steps

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The recent report of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), 'Why India Needs to Urgently Invest in its Patent Ecosystem?', highlights the significance of a robust patent system for a knowledge economy and for the promotion of technological innovations. It highlights the rising share of residents in the total number of patent applications filed in India, which has more than doubled during the last decade. And, for the first time, the number of patent applications by residents has surpassed that of foreign applications during the last quarter of the financial year 2021-22. The Economic Survey 2022-23, for instance, highlighted the rising share of Indian residents in patent applications.

A major concern expressed in the EAC-PM report is the long pendency of processing patent applications in India. Therefore, it has recommended several measures to reduce this. Increasing the efficiency of processing patent applications will certainly improve the patent ecosystem in the country. At the same time, we need to investigate the patent ecosystem more closely to connect the dots so that appropriate measures are adopted to improve the patent ecosystem, keeping in view the national innovation ecosystem.

On abandoned applications

The total number of patent applications to the Indian patent office has increased by 48% between 2010-11 and 2020-21, largely driven by applications by residents. Interestingly, the number of abandoned patent applications also increased at an astonishing rate during this period.

The latest Annual Report (2019-20) of the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications (CGPDTM) shows that the number of abandoned patent applications, on account of not meeting the requirements under Sections 9(1) and 21(1) of the Patents Act, grew from 5,186 in 2010-11 to 23,291 in 2019-20, an increase by almost 350%. The share of such abandoned patents in the total number of patent applications soared from 13.6% in 2010-11 to 48% in 2019-20.

Section 9(1) of the Patents Act provides that those applications accompanied by provisional specifications be supported by complete specifications within one year. Section 21(1) requires patent applicants to re-file documents if

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the patent examiner finds them not meeting the requirements. A plausible reason could be that the applicants are not confident about their applications passing scrutiny and, therefore, do not pursue their applications. It may also be possible, especially in the case of innovations with short-life spans, that the long pendency discourages applicants from following up on their applications. But certainly, this is an aspect of the patent ecosystem where we need more information to connect the dots.

Another key issue

Since the adoption of the National Intellectual Property Rights Policy 2016, a lot of emphasis has been attached to the filing of patent applications. It is worth examining if perverse incentives have been created in the process, which encourage the filing of patent applications even when the innovator knows that their claims will not pass scrutiny. If that is the case, eliminating such perverse incentives itself will add to improving the patent ecosystem of India.

The higher education sector of India is rising in prominence in the research and development spending and patenting landscape of India. The share of this sector in the gross domestic expenditure on R&D (GERD) has increased from 5% in 2013 to 7% in 2018, as UNESCO's data on science, technology and innovation shows. The number of patent applications filed by the top 10 academic institutes and universities in India (in terms of the number of patent applications) rose by more than two times in four years, from 838 in 2015-16 to 2,533 in 2019-20. Their share in the patent applications by residents also doubled from 6.4% to 12.2% during the same period.

The growing prominence of this sector in patenting activity indicates the priority it attaches to commercially significant technological innovations. When the higher education sector is increasingly focusing on the development component of R&D, it is also expected that the collaboration between industry and academia will also increase in the area of R&D. But the reverse is true in the case of India.

Low score for this indicator

The Global Innovation Index (GII) is prepared based on the score that each country gets under 80 indicators – industry-academia collaboration is one. India's score for this indicator has in fact declined over the last few years, from 47.8 in 2015 to 42.7 in 2021. Consequently, India's ranking in this indicator in the GII declined from 48 to 65 during this period. However, improvements in some other indicators have resulted in India's overall ranking in the GII improving from 81 in 2015 to 46 in 2021.

The draft of the National Auto Policy 2018 (Draft) points out that collaboration between the industry and academia in India has been limited to niche research areas that have low commercial significance. It also admits that innovations from India, originating from collaborative research projects, and implemented and commercialised in the automotive space have been scarce. This is not confined to the automotive sector but is a phenomenon prevalent across most sectors in India.

As the patent system is a critical aspect of the national innovation ecosystem, investing in the patent ecosystem will help in strengthening the innovation capability of India. The right interventions should be made for the promotion of the quality of patent applications and collaboration between academia and industry.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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District court's decision

Going by the yardstick of what noted jurist Brett Kavanaugh famously said, "I believe that an independent judiciary is the crown jewel of our [American] constitutional republic", the judiciary of India, especially the lower courts, appears to be busy dissecting the law, perhaps on compulsions from the executive, rather than ensuring the delivery of timely justice, and finding amicable solutions (Page 1, "Hindu women's suit in Gyanvapi case maintainable, says court", September 13).

The real issues that the common man faces, which includes shrinking jobs, rising inflation, and fading social and religious harmony, have all been put on the back burner. The embers of a divisive politics appear to be kept warm and live for dubious purposes.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ The lower court's decision may open the door for elements to further their divisive politics. There are right-wing outfits bent upon laying claim to certain places of worship as a part of their political project and tied to narratives of a certain 'nationhood'. The spirit guiding the Places of Worship Act that is designed to protect the secular features of the Constitution ought not to be undermined.

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Stray dog control

I would like to draw the attention of the authorities and the general public to the serious problem caused by stray dogs. It is now a common thing to come across packs of 'community' dogs on most roads. As a young school student who goes to school and extra classes by cycle, I have been chased by such dogs, endangering my life in the process.

I am aware how dangerous it is to be bitten by a dog. Rabies is a deadly disease. It can also result in death in a horrible and painful way. This is the kind of risk I am exposed to every day. The authorities need to take action and ensure the safety of both the young and the old.

M. Sree Chandhana Varma,
Coimbatore

■ In many places, stray dogs have got used to being fed by some people. Once this stops they begin to attack people out of hunger too. In Kerala, for example, stray dogs can be seen feeding on the remains of meat from poultry shops. This aspect and also garbage disposal need to be tackled at the earliest. Many people have stopped going on their daily walks due to the stray dog menace. Two-wheelers riders are exposed to grave danger. The stray dog issue has to be addressed.

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Thiruvananthapuram

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An improved Bill, but still contentious

The draft Indian Ports Bill of 2022 has not resolved the main issue between the Centre and maritime States

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The Indian Ports Act of 1908 is obsolete in many respects and needs a complete overhaul. Pre-legislative consultation of a draft Bill with stakeholders is good practice, and the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways needs to be commended for holding four rounds of consultations on the draft Indian Ports Bill that will replace the 1908 Act. The 2022 draft of the Bill is an improvement over the 2021 draft, but it has only tinkered at the margins without resolving the main issue of disagreement between the Centre and the maritime States.

India has 12 major ports and 212 non-major ports. Most of the non-major ports are small fishing harbours and only a few of them cater to international shipping. Major ports figure in the Union List and come under the jurisdiction of the Central government. Non-major ports are in the Concurrent List and come under the respective State governments, but the Centre has overriding legislative and executive powers.

Problems of the 2021 draft Bill

In 1997, a Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) was created by an executive order, with the Union Minister of Shipping as chairperson and the Ministers in charge of ports of the maritime States/Union Territories (UTs) as members. The MSDC serves as an apex advisory body for the coordinated development of major ports and non-major ports. It has met only 18 times in the last 25 years. The Union Ministry of Shipping provides secretarial services for the MSDC's meetings. What made the 2021 draft of the Indian Ports Bill controversial were the provisions of Chapters II and III which sought to give statutory status along with wide-ranging powers and functions to the MSDC and make it a permanent body with its own office, staff, accounts and audit. A body like the MSDC is necessary, but the nature and quantum of its work do not call for either statutory status or a permanent body. It may be recalled that even the Union Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) was created only by an executive order. Maritime States suspect that the real aim of a statutory-cum-permanent MSDC is to curtail their powers to develop and manage non-major ports; it is less about efficient allocation of resources and more about control by the Centre.

The 2021 draft contained several provisions that were a replay of the Socialist-era follies of Central planning and Inspector Raj. It sought to empower the MSDC to formulate a national plan, to be notified in the official gazette, for the development of major and non-major ports; to monitor the development of non-major ports and ensure their integrated development with major ports and the national plan; and to order an appropriate inquiry if any port contravenes the national plan. It also empowered the Centre to make a port non-operational if it was not in consonance with the national plan. It prescribed draconian penalties including imprisonment for non-compliance with the MSDC's directions by port authorities, port officials and other persons.

Centralising tendencies

The 2022 draft Bill has dropped or toned down many of these provisions, but it has retained the MSDC as a statutory-cum-permanent body. It has also retained open-ended provisions like Section 10(c) that authorise the Central government to entrust any administrative and financial functions to the MSDC. In order to ensure that the composition of the MSDC is in favour of the Centre, the draft Bill makes five Secretaries and one Joint Secretary to the Government of India, besides the administrators of the coastal UTs, as members. This is a bad precedent wherein the vote of an officer would count the same as the vote of a Minister. Like the Goods and Services Tax Council, the MSDC should consist only of the concerned Ministers of the Union and maritime States/UTs; officers should only be special invitees. A fair arrangement would be to give 50% weightage to the votes of the Ministers representing the Centre and 50% weightage to the votes of Ministers representing the maritime States/UTs in proportion to the number of functioning non-major ports.

In contrast to the centralising tendency reflected in the draft Bill, most U.S. ports are owned and managed by counties and municipalities with port operations largely in private hands. Ports in Germany are managed at the municipal and regional levels. Even in China, ports are managed at the municipal level with the local authorities having a substantial stake in corporatised ports. Thus, international experience shows that ports are best managed by local and regional governments.

Performance of ports

There could have been a case for the Centre/MSDC to play a more active role with regard to non-major ports if the latter had been performing poorly. But data show that non-major ports have fared much better than major ports. Between 1993-94 and 2021-22, the share of the total cargo of non-major ports went up from 8% to 45%, and the CAGR of cargo traffic of non-major ports was 14% compared to the 4.8% of major ports.

While major ports performed the various port functions with their own staff and equipment and with all the usual shortcomings of public sector enterprises, maritime States developed non-major ports almost entirely on a public-private partnership (PPP) basis. Gujarat was the trendsetter. It developed India's first private port at Pipavav (with APM Terminals); the largest captive port at Sikka (with Reliance Industries); the largest commercial multipurpose port at Mundra (with Adani); the first two LNG Terminals at Dahej and Hazira; and the first dedicated chemical port terminal at Dahej. Other maritime States – Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu – followed suit. From 1996 onwards, the Centre also adopted the PPP model but the process of awarding concessions has been rather slow.

A 2011 World Bank Report, 'Regulation of the Indian Port Sector', observed that non-major ports are perceived as "more business oriented, customer friendly, cheaper and in general more efficient" whereas "unnecessary regulatory and financial burdens are imposed upon Port Trusts, private terminal operators and investors" by the Central government. So, the last thing we should be doing is saddling non-major ports with the same handicaps as major ports. A statutory-cum-permanent MSDC will do precisely that. It will choke future development of non-major ports and stifle novel initiatives by the maritime States of the kind that Gujarat did on its own. Central planning has no place in a market-oriented economy where non-major ports (and now even major ports) are developed almost entirely through private investments.

It is, therefore, recommended that Chapters II and III of the draft Bill relating to the MSDC be scrapped and that the MSDC remain an apex advisory body. In keeping with port reform strategies worldwide, the Centre should work towards greater decentralisation, deregulation, corporatisation and private sector participation. It should give the concerned maritime States and city municipal corporations a substantial equity stake in corporatised major ports. It should limit itself to overseeing only the 'higher functions' of border control, competition policy, port security, environment protection and hinterland connectivity.

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An opportunity for India Inc

Corporate India's response to the country's job crisis has been more symbolic than substantial

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We live in an age when businessmen command considerable influence in society. Ratan Tata, Mukesh Ambani, and Azim Premji are seen not as wealth creators but as nation builders. A good deal of business news today captures the imagination of the average citizen. A public issue, a trade agreement, the rise of a new corporate brand, a start-up, a collaboration is big news today. The guilt complex associated with making money has long since disappeared from the nation's conscience. India's stock markets are now in an explosive phase of growth and start-ups are reaping huge funds without any credible record of performance, largely on the trust of retail investors. Corporate India receives a reservoir of trust, goodwill and confidence from the nation and must return it in equal measure. Has India Inc lived up to those expectations? How much does an inclusive India figure in its vision?

Response to job crisis

Corporate India dreams big today. Brand power, digital technology, talent pools, scales of operations, and global connectivity are all part of its agenda. Yet, how much does the magnitude of India's jobless growth overwhelm the big business? Mahatma Gandhi's insight that "what we need is not mass production, but production by the masses" must be an enlightened vision of Indian business. Yet, the response of corporate India to the country's job crisis has been more symbolic than substantial. The reality is that much of India's blue-collar employment is generated in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and in its sprawling gig economy. Some 45% of India's manufacturing takes place in the sweat shops of garments units, hazardous chemical factories and in unsafe engineering workshops. The jobs thus created are sub-optimal with low wages and unstable working conditions. India's SME sector needs to modernise itself with the help of digital technology, professional management and better scale of operations. This is the 'new economy' and India's corporate sector can extend a helping hand across the aisle to help the SMEs achieve this transformation. That act must not be seen as largeheartedness but market-driven and backed by a strong value proposition.

The Indian SME sector has many hidden treasures waiting for this makeover. Take the case of Indian food, which is popular worldwide. Most Indian restaurants abroad are owned by individuals with limited resources for growth. The result is that India has not been able to create a McDonald's or KFC to bring Indian food to the world stage as a global business in scale and sophistication. How many corporates here have seen an opportunity in this space? Many big houses in India have rushed to invest in electric mobility. Why hasn't even one of them seen the prospects of globalising Indian food? That could have created a million jobs for Indians.

Across the world, the informal sector is steadily evolving into the formal sector in partnership with the organised industry which is creating innovative business models. The most visible example is that of Uber and Ola, which have brought hundreds of individual taxi owners on their platforms to create a win-win situation for both, and added value to the consumer as well. This model could now be replicated in other situations. The vegetable vendor who wheels his cart to neighbourhood homes could be part of an e-commerce company and provide last-mile connectivity. The shoe shine worker at the street corner could be brought under the fold of a multinational shoe company to upgrade his work and quality of his life. The results could be overwhelming. They both could then open a bank account, be eligible for loans and credit cards, and be part of the formal sector with increased income and fixed hours of work. For the companies, the partnership offers a recognition for a meaningful contribution to the welfare of the community.

Learning from Taiwan

One needs to only look at Taiwan to understand how a low-level economy can transform itself through technology and innovation and become part of a global value chain. A quarter of a century ago, Taiwanese SMEs were selling cotton shirts, plastic flowers and wooden toys. Today, they are producing memory chips and laptops and assembling smartphones. Foxconn is now the main assembler of iPhones in several Asian countries. Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, said during his recent visit to India that Amazon plans to invest $1 billion in digitising SMEs. The Government of India has launched an ambitious new e-commerce platform, ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce). This is a strategic vision which should unleash India's entrepreneurial dividend. A combination of these efforts must ensure that a job-enriched India is now within our sight.

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STATE OF PLAY

A tariff shock to power users

TNERC should also bear a considerable amount of the blame for all that is wrong with Tangedco

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The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has administered a tariff shock to power users across the board by virtually endorsing a petition filed by the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) for a general tariff revision. For domestic consumers, the quantum of hike ranges from 11% to 45%, with effect from September 10. Those who use 550 units in two months will have to spend ₹2,350, which is ₹240 more than what they did in the past. Those consuming 450 units bimonthly will have to pay ₹1,425, which is ₹445 over the same level of consumption earlier. A consumer using over 1,000 units has been slapped with a rate of ₹11 for every unit in excess of 1,000 units. A new category – common facilities in multistorey tenements – has been created without any convincing reason, wherein a flat rate of ₹8 per unit has been imposed. This category will cover facilities such as gyms, community halls, amphitheatres and swimming pools, even if these facilities are used only by residents of the complexes concerned, free of cost. There is no rationale given for the introduction of this category, which can also cover any additional connection at any individual house. Also, the probability of field-level corruption is high when stiff consumption charges are levied. Eventually, the purpose of having a higher tariff would not be served.

Even though the power utility, through an additional affidavit filed on August 30, reduced its original proposal for a hike in demand and energy charges for certain types of consumers, including industries, consumers have not been fully spared from the dosage of increase.

However, agricultural consumers continue to be protected. With the DMK government having made it clear that it wants to continue free power supply to farmers, the Commission does not want to be left out in demonstrating its soft corner for agriculturists. This time, there is no stipulation with regard to the metering of around 20 lakh farm connections enjoying free power supply.

While the TNERC has toed the line of power utility by providing an option to domestic consumers to voluntarily give up the free 100 units they are provided bimonthly, there is nothing in its tariff order to indicate that the panel has considered extending a similar option to other types of consumers who have free power supply. Among those consumers who are covered under the free power supply scheme are those with agricultural connections, including high-tension lift irrigation cooperative societies; huts; handlooms (up to 200 units); and power looms (up to 750 units).

Besides, the Commission has agreed to another key proposal of Tangedco: to implement an annual hike at least up to 2026-27, which will be linked to the consumer price index. Again, no strong reasons have been adduced for accepting this. There is no clarity on how rising labour cost, which has been covered under the head 'operation and maintenance expenses', is going to be brought down.

The justification for the increase runs like this: No hike was made in the last eight years, leading to the cumulative losses of Tangedco rising to ₹1,13,266 crore (March 31, 2021). There is pressure from Central agencies for the increase, with the Union Power Ministry making it mandatory for the States to introduce power sector reforms with tariff revisions for any additional borrowing.

If accumulation of losses is the main reason for the tariff hike move, one should not overlook the fact that the TNERC, which issued a suo motu tariff hike order in December 2014, did not repeat the exercise. It should have been closely following the financial health of Tangedco all these years. The TNERC should also bear a considerable amount of the blame for all that is wrong with Tangedco.

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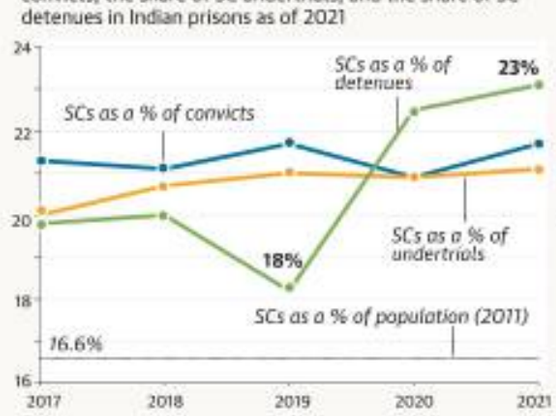
DATA POINT

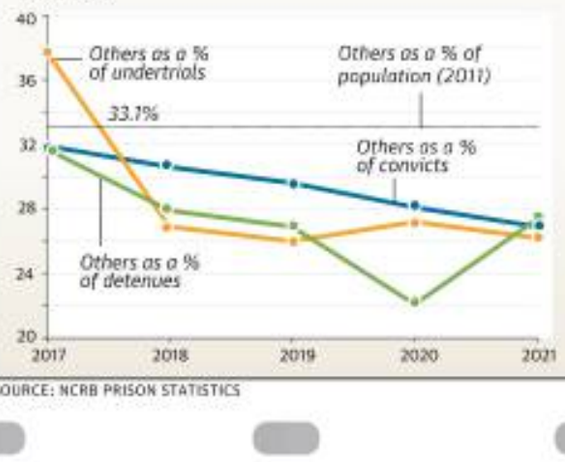
In detention: Caste-wise report

In 2021, over 23% of all detenues in Indian prisons were from the Scheduled Castes (SC) whose share in the population was 16.6% (as of 2011). The share of SC detenues saw an increase from 18% in 2019 to 23% in 2021. Indian jails host four types of prisoners — convicts (persons found guilty of a crime and sentenced by a court), undertrials (currently on trial in a court of law), detenues (persons held lawfully in custody), and those who do not belong to any of these three categories and who comprise a small share of the total number of prisoners. Notably, in Tamil Nadu, over 30% of convicts and 30% of undertrials were SCs, while the SC share in the State's population was 20%. Among States with a relatively high number of detainees, the share of SC detainees was notably disproportionate to the SC population share in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. By **Rebecca Rose Varghese** and **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

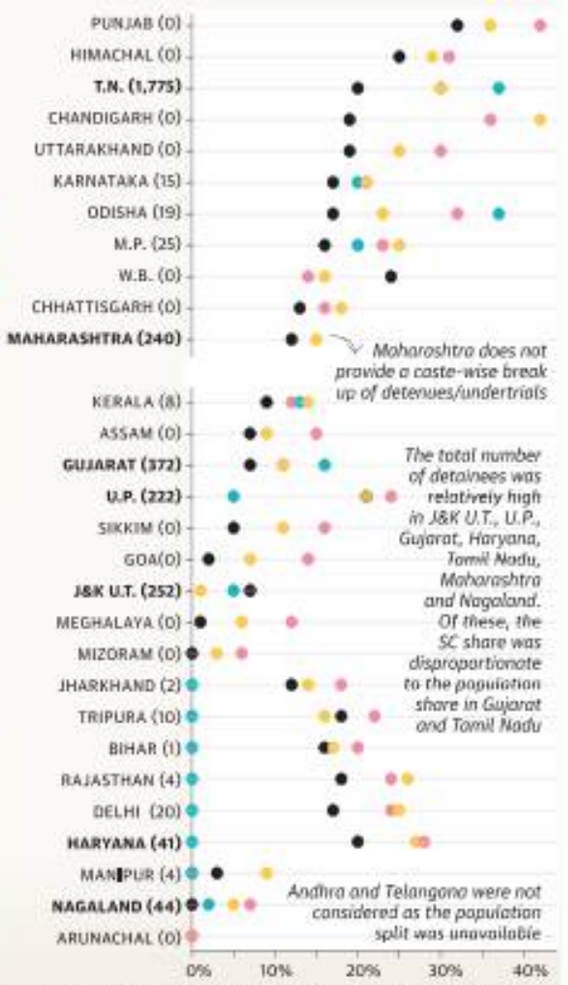
1 SHARE OF SCs | The chart shows the share of SCs in the total population in India in 2011, the share of SC convicts, the share of SC undertrials, and the share of SC detenues in Indian prisons as of 2021



2 SHARE OF OTHERS | The chart shows the share of non-SCs, non-STs, and non-OBCs (Others) in the total population in India in 2011, the share of convicts from this category, the share of undertrials from this category and the share of detenues from this category in Indian prisons as of 2021



3 SHARE OF SCs STATE-WISE | The chart shows the share of SCs in the total population in 2011 (●), the share of SC convicts (●), the share of SC undertrials (●) and the share of SC detenues (●) in prisons across States as of 2021. While the share of SC detenues was high in some States, the total number of detenues (number given in brackets) was higher only in two of them. So, the share has to be read along with the total number of detenues



In T.N., 37% of the detainees were SCs, while the share of SCs in the State's population was 20%. Only 7% of Gujarat's population were SCs. Yet, 16% of the total detainees were SCs

SOURCE: NCRB PRISON STATISTICS

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 14, 1972

U.S. not for world disarm meeting

London, Sept. 13: There was no agreement between the United States and Russia at the latest session of the 25-nation Geneva Disarmament conference, which has just concluded, on Soviet proposals for a world disarmament conference. While the Russians are keen on a global conference, the American delegate at Geneva, Ambassador Martin expressed the view that it was not yet time for it and any premature conference on a global scale might lead to more polemics and propaganda than to the sort of serious negotiation which is a feature of the Geneva Disarmament conference. The forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly will anyhow examine the Soviet proposals along with the annual report of the Geneva conference. The latest session of the Geneva conference also produced no agreement on the Mexican proposals for its reorganisation and enlargement. Mexico supported by a few other members had suggested that as a prerequisite for these measures the 10-year-old arrangement by which the U.S. and Russia provide permanent co-chairmen for the conference should be ended. Many member countries agreed that eventually both France and China must be brought into the Geneva discussions, but others led by Canada advised that the bus should not be stopped until one was sure that there was some more passengers to be picked up. The present arrangement had worked well so far and it should not be changed before there was a definite assurance that France and China wished to participate in the Geneva deliberations.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 14, 1922

In S. Africa

London, Sept. 12: The 1820 Settlers' Association answering the numerous enquiries for advice says, that although the Government will not allow the free entry into South Africa of the second hand furniture brought out by the settlers from overseas under their scheme, nevertheless, customs authorities place a low valuation when such personal effects arrive. The Association have now completed arrangements whereby a husband and wife may obtain free tuition at the Government Agricultural College at Middleburg, Cape Province. Board and lodging is obtainable nearby at 10 pounds per month for husband and wife. Married couples can therefore live at the rate of £120 per annum while undergoing tuition.

FROM PAGE ONE

Iran may urge India to restart oil import

When asked, an Iranian official said India's decision to buy oil was a purely sovereign decision, but added that "illegal, unilateral sanctions" should not weigh with India.

"India and Iran, like other countries, have their own friends and specific relations. But we should not allow third parties to jeopardise or determine our own mutual ties, shared interests and cordial relations," the official told *The Hindu*, in a reference to India's 2018 decision.

The two leaders are also likely to discuss the next steps in developing Chabahar port's Shahid Beheshti terminal run by India, and the possibility of linking it to the International North South Transport Corridor. In his address to the SCO on Friday morning, Mr. Modi is expected to focus on the need to make Chabahar an important part of trade in the region. Speaking to journalists in Tashkent, Indian Ambassador Manish Prabhat said two rounds of talks of the Uzbekistan-Iran-India trilateral had already been held and a third round would be held soon.

"Chabahar port is now not a stand-alone initiative, it has become a focal point in the entire INSTC framework. And once that happens, all the partner-countries will benefit a lot," Mr. Prabhat said, calling Chabahar a "connectivity hub" for the SCO region, which makes up about half of the world's population. He referred to the "Trans-Afghan railway" as a project that is generating interest as he said more economic activity in the region would lead to more stability.

Sources said India and Iran are also working on a long-term agreement on the management of the Chabahar terminal, which has run into trouble over arbitration issues, given that the Iranian government has said that it is bound by its constitution to hold any dispute resolution for such projects in Iranian courts, while India is holding out for arbitration in a third country, should disputes arise.

According to an official in Mr. Raisi's office, the Iranian leader is expected to also meet Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the summit.

According to the programme outlook, Mr. Modi will land late evening on Thursday in Samarkand, and may skip the SCO presummit dinner with leaders of Russia, China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, host Uzbekistan and new entrant to the SCO, Iran. Leaders of Belarus, Turkey and Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Mongolia will also attend the summit as special invitees.

'103rd amendment was a fraud on Constitution'

During the argument in SC, lawyer says reservation cannot be implemented as poverty alleviation programme

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Reservation cannot be implemented as a "poverty alleviation programme" for the socially and educationally forward classes, which is what the quota for the economically weaker sections does, petitioners opened their challenge before a Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit on Tuesday.

Reservation addresses structural inequality and is not a means to become financially well-off. The purpose of reservation is to provide representation or empowerment to classes of people who were historically denied access to education and employment. Benefits of reservation cannot be given solely on the basis of economic criterion, they argued.

'Quota a moral hazard'

Poverty in the forward classes can also be due to "poor personal wealth management". Reservation on the basis of economic criterion creates a "moral hazard" – a gambler who lost all his money cannot be made eligible for reservation.

"Winning a lottery would be a quicker way of ending financial incapacity than reservation. Using financial incapacity [as a criterion for reservation] creates what economists call a moral hazard... It has the potential to reward those who lose money foolishly or carelessly or "immorally" such as through gambling by making them eligible for reservations," renowned jurist, Dr. G. Mohan Gopal, opened the arguments for the petitioners before the five-judge Bench.

Dr. Gopal said the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which introduced the 10% EWS quota, was a "fraud on the Constitution".

"Parliament knew well that it has no power to provide reservations for socially and educationally forward classes. That it has no power to provide reservation to any class except backward classes as held in the Indra Sawhney judgment. Yet, because of political considerations, it did so deliberately and falsely projecting the Amendment as economic reservation for the benefit of economically weaker sections..." he contended.

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> DR. G. MOHAN GOPAL
> Senior lawyer in Supreme Court

Petitioners and intervenors, represented by senior advocates Meenakshi Arora and Sanjay Parikh and advocate Prasanna S., found chinks in the criteria set to identify EWS in society.

"To judge anyone as poor on the basis of self-declaration and only on the basis of one previous year's income makes the implementation of the whole scheme full of loopholes. No one can be termed as poor by having one year's income as less than ₹8 lakh. In a country where less than 5% file income tax returns, and that too is open to manipulations, any such scheme is practically not implementable. To make such unreal, arbitrary and impractical scheme a part of the Constitution is disrespectful to the Constitution makers and shows lack of thinking on the part of the Union of India," one of the petitioners argued.

Dr. Gopal argued that those earning a gross annual family income of at or below ₹66,666 a month or ₹8 lakh annually were eligible for the EWS quota.

"These numbers should be compared against the 2021 estimate of Pew Research, the renowned global fact-tank, once helmed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, that 93.7% of the people of India have a family income of less than ₹25,000 per month per family of four. The EWS criteria will therefore give eligibility not only to Forward Classes amongst this 93.7% but also to those who earn between ₹25,000 and ₹66,000 per month per family of four, who fall amongst an elite 6% of the country that earn above ₹25,000 per family per month," he contended.

Submissions drafted by advocate Kaleeswaram Raj pointed out how the amendment clearly excluded citizens belonging to OBC/SC/ST who were economically weaker. Poverty is an impediment which knows no caste or social backwardness. It transcends across categories and across geographical spread. It is an impediment which cannot be restricted to advanced castes alone, by any stretch of imagination, the petitioners argued.

Mr. Raj said no demographic study was conducted before proposing the 103rd Amendment, which was only a "populist measure". The court would resume hearing on Wednesday.

Earlier, the court had fixed three issues for adjudication arising from the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to grant 10% reservation to EWS in admissions and jobs through the amendment to the Constitution.

India to hold G-20 summit in 2023

Bangladesh, UAE, Singapore, Spain, Mauritius, Oman will be 'guest countries'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India will hold over 200 G-20-related meetings across the country during its presidency of the grouping that will begin on December 1, 2022 and continue till November 30, 2023.

The G-20 Leaders' Summit will be held in New Delhi on September 9 and 10 in 2023, and Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the UAE will be the "guest countries" at the event, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on September 13.

"India is currently part of the G-20 Troika [current, previous and incoming G20 presidencies] comprising Indonesia, Italy and India. During our Presidency, India, Indonesia and Brazil would form the troika. This would be the first time when the troika would consist of three developing countries and emerging economies, providing them a greater voice," the Ministry of External Affairs said in an official statement. The announcement said the priorities of the upcoming summit are being "firmed up", and said discussion among all the member countries will include issues related to "women's empowerment, digital public infrastructure, health, agriculture, education, culture, tourism, climate financing, circular economy, global food security, energy security, green hydrogen, disaster risk reduction and resilience, fight against economic crime and multilateral reforms".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping during the G-20 summit in 2019. • REUTERS

A major challenge of the G-20 session in India will involve the ongoing crisis in Ukraine which has vitiated relation between Russia and the industrialised nations of the West most of which are members of the G-20 which represents 85% of global GDP and 75% of international trade. G-20 includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the U.K., the U.S. and the European Union (EU).

Rohatgi set to become Attorney-General again

Venugopal's tenure ends on Sept. 30

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi is set to become Attorney-General from October 1 for a second time. The tenure of the incumbent Attorney-General, K.K. Venugopal, is coming to a close on September 30. The 90-year-old jurist has made it clear that he would not want to continue as the top law officer.

Mukul Rohatgi

Mr. Rohatgi (67) had served as the 14th Attorney-General of India when the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014. He had served for three years, till 2017. He had returned to private practice and Mr. Venugopal was appointed the 15th Attorney-General.

Mr. Venugopal had initially served a tenure of three years and was later given extensions. The last one was in June 2022 for a period of three months.

Mr. Rohatgi recently represented the Special Investigation Team in the Zakia Jafri case in which the Supreme Court had upheld the clean chit given to the Gujarat government in connection with the 2002 riots.

CBI searches 36 locations in J&K recruitment scam

Preliminary investigations suggested that the accused entered into conspiracy with officials of the JKSSB, a Bengaluru-based private company, beneficiary candidates and caused "gross irregularities in conduct of written examination for the posts". "Violation of rules by the JKSSB was allegedly found in assigning the task of setting the question paper to a Bengaluru-based private company," sources said. There were also allegations of candidates paying money up to ₹30 lakh to access the question papers.

Later, the selected list saw a higher percentage of selected candidates only from Jammu, Rajouri and Samba districts in J&K.

MGNREGS social audits marred by delays

This is against a ₹4 crore liability this year and an additional ₹4.5 crore liability of the previous year. This amount was credited after desperate calls from the Audit Department, which was unable to pay its auditor for over a year.

Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh also has a remarkably similar story with the Centre's dues piling up to ₹9 crore.

In Kerala, too, for the last five to six months, the auditors were not paid, because the funds were not forthcoming from the Centre. Even when it comes, the Centre rarely pays the entire amount. In the last financial year, out of ₹20 crore that the Centre owes, only ₹4 crore was sent to Kerala, and this year, out of ₹18 crore liability, as of now, only close to ₹3 crore has been received. "The delay in disbursement of funds leads to near paralysis. Since we are unable to pay salaries for the auditors, there is a high attrition rate. We obviously cannot force them to travel to distant villages on their own without actually paying them," Kerala Social Audit Director M. Ramakantan told *The Hindu*.

According to the findings of a periodic report on social audits by the non-profit People's Action For Employment Guarantee, released last month, eight State Social Audit Units in 2020-21, and nine in 2021-22, have received less than half of the fund to which they are entitled. At least six States – Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka – received their share of funds from the MoRD over a year ago, in 2021.

In the peculiar case of Bihar, the Bihar Social Audit Unit has not received any funds since 27th April 2020 - since more than two years. Moreover, none of these states have got their full quota of funds. Three state-Maharashtra, Bihar, and Chhattisgarh received zero funds in 2021-22 to conduct social audits despite their collective expenditure of more than Rs 6000 Crore in MGNREGA in FY 2020-21.

The social audit units in Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Karnataka were forced to take loans from their respective state governments in order to sustain their operations.

Rural Development Secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha agreed that there have been delays in the disbursement of funds to a "few states", though he said, the problem is limited to the ongoing financial year, because of the recent overhauling of the Public Finance Management System but it will be streamlined soon, he assured.

"The Social Audit Units were formed to check corruption in the MGNREGA implementation. To ensure their autonomy, they were to be funded by the Centre and not the State. Now, if our auditors are not paid, how will they fund their travel and meals? We are opening the doors to corruption simply by delaying their wages. And by forcing the Social Audit Units to take loans from State governments, the Centre is also asking us to surrender our autonomy," the Director of a Social Audit Unit said on the condition of anonymity.

Officer who probed Ishrat Jahan case dismissed

He was removed for giving interview

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Gujarat-cadre IPS officer Satish Chandra Verma, who assisted the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in probing the Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case, was dismissed from service on August 30, a month before he was to superannuate on September 30, for giving an interview to a TV channel in 2016.

Satish Chandra Verma

Mr. Verma has filed two special leave petitions (SLPs) in the Supreme Court against the order which states that in 2016, a concerted media campaign started to discredit the evidence in the Ishrat Jahan encounter case with "senior members of the ruling party" and retired officers joining the campaign. It adds that false accusations of torture were made against him by R.V.S. Mani, a former Under Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and he denied the accusations as media surrounded him at the official guesthouse in Guwahati in 2016.

The 1986-batch IPS officer had challenged the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the Delhi High Court and it was during the hearing of the case on August 30 that the Ministry informed the court that Mr. Verma has been dismissed from service on August 30. "The dismissal would mean that he will not be entitled to any pension or other benefits. The High Court had earlier given him protection from any coercive action. We have filed two SLPs in the Supreme Court. The High Court order says the dismissal cannot come into effect till September 19," Sarim Naved, counsel for Mr. Verma, told *The Hindu*.

In all, three chargesheets were served by the MHA on Mr. Verma – August 13, 2018, September 28, 2018 and May 9, 2016. The dismissal is made as per the chargesheet served on August 13, 2018.

Famous seminaries in U.P. are 'unrecognised madrasas'

'Recognition may lead to interference of State officials'

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

At a time when the Yogi Adityanath government has started a controversial survey of unrecognised madrasas in Uttar Pradesh, it has come to light that not just thousands of small, irregular madrasas but even some of the biggest ones with international fame are not recognised by the State Madrasa Education Board. Among them are the historic Darul Uloom, Deoband; Nadwatul Ulamma, Lucknow; and Mazahir Uloom, Saharanpur.

The U.P. government started the process of conducting a survey of Islamic education institutions.

None of them is affiliated with the Uttar Pradesh Madrasa Education Board or recognised by the State government. Their students cannot aspire to sit for State or Central government examinations for jobs unless they complete graduation from a recognised university.

Set up in 1866, the Darul Uloom, Deoband, has more than a thousand students passing out of its portals every year. Except for those who complete their school through correspondence and follow it up with graduation, most are destined to be associated with madrasas only where they can aspire for a teacher's job or be an *imam* or muezzin.

With salaries being as low as ₹6,000 in some cases, their pay scales fall well short of the government scales which they would have got had the seminary imparted them both theological and secular education with due recognition by the State bodies.

It is said that these historic madrasas, including Deoband and Lucknow Nadwa, do not apply for recognition to avoid paying their academic and administrative staff according to the official scales of the State. There is a feeling too that recognition by the Madrasa Board is a two-edged weapon. On the one hand, it can get madrasas some grant from the government, on the other, there is the risk of increased interference of officials in day-to-day functioning.

Zafarul Islam Khan, former chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission, says, "Any interference occurs only when a financial grant is given by the State, in which case the State is fully justified to ask for a report of accounts".

"Administrators of big madrasas are oblivious to the problems their graduates face. Since their 'degrees' are unrecognised, they seek jobs as teachers, *imams* and muezzin. Salaries are so meagre that they hardly survive," says Mr. Khan.

Mehbooba flays stance of Azad

SPECIAL CORRESPONEDNT
SRINAGAR

Several regional leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, including Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti, on Tuesday criticised former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad's stand on Article 370 and accused him of "infusing defeatism" among the people of J&K.

Ms. Mufti termed Mr. Azad's statement – which said the restoration of special status under Article 370 was unlikely – "unfortunate". "Such a statement from such a senior leader was unfortunate. I want to remind him that when the BJP-led Centre can talk to Nagas in the northeast on a separate flag and a separate constitution, why not Kashmir where the Maharaja signed a conditional Instrument of Accession with India?" Ms. Mufti said.

Ms. Mufti said Mr. Azad's statements were aimed at dashing the hopes of the people of J&K. "The Centre chose engagement with the Nagas in spite of the attacks on a security forces' bus that left 18 dead. Why is Azad sahib telling people restoration is not possible. It's very much possible. We will fight for it," she said.

'Extremists using social media to recruit'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Lured via social media platforms, youths in Assam continue to join extremist groups despite a slew of peace pacts with such outfits since 2014.

A fortnight ago, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs had listed the Bodo Accord of January 2020, Karbi agreement of April 2021, and suspension of operations with the pro-talks faction of the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) as factors for a significant dip in extremism and violence in the State.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told the Assembly that 1,561 young men and women had joined at least five extremist groups since 2016. These groups are the National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), the People's Democratic Council of Karbi Longri (PDCK), the ULFA, and the United People's Revolutionary Front.

Replying to a question, he said the extremist groups, specifically the ULFA (Independent) headed by Paresh Baruah, have been brainwashing youths with propaganda via Facebook, Messenger and Twitter.

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BJP protest march turns violent in Bengal

Supporters clash with police personnel in the streets of Kolkata and Howrah; several injured

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Large parts of Howrah and central Kolkata turned into a battle zone on Tuesday as clashes erupted between the police and supporters of the BJP as the latter tried to march to Nabanna, the State Secretariat.

Thousands of BJP supporters descended on the streets of Kolkata and Howrah during the day and tried to reach the Secretariat from different sides. Violence erupted at Santragachi in Howrah, where the police fired tear gas and used water cannons to disperse the BJP supporters who threw stones at the police.

The situation at Santragachi remained volatile for several hours, with pitched battles between the police and the BJP supporters. Violence also erupted at Howrah Maidan and the Howrah railway station.

In Kolkata, the police had to use force near the police headquarters at Lalbazar and M.G. Road. BJP supporters set a police vehicle on fire in the busy M.G. Road area.

Tense situation: The police vehicle that was set on fire by a mob in Kolkata. • DEBASISH BHADURI

The police used water cannons to disperse the supporters but within minutes, they regrouped and threw stones at the personnel.

Leaders detained

Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari and Hooghly Lok Sabha member Locket Chatterjee were detained before they could reach Howrah and lead a rally of party supporters. BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar was detained and taken to the Chitpur police station.

Mr. Majumdar, who spent the night at the Howrah railway station to evade police action, held demonstrations at Howrah Maidan.

"*Didi* [Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee] is scared seeing so many BJP supporters on the road. This is only 30% of the people we had asked to come; many could not reach and several others have been detained by the police," Mr. Majumdar said.

Several BJP supporters were detained by the police and some also sustained injuries. Some policemen sustained injuries after being hit by stones.

There was violence near the BJP State headquarters on Muralidhar Sen Lane, when a large contingent of police personnel tried to apprehend the BJP supporters. Several BJP MPs, including the party's national vice-president, Dilip Ghosh, were among those who joined the march to the State Secretariat in a major show of strength by the party's State unit.

The violence and pitched clashes continued for several hours in the afternoon, throwing traffic out of gear in large parts of Howrah and Kolkata.

Vehicular traffic on Howrah Bridge, which connects Howrah to Kolkata over the Hooghly river, was stopped for several hours in the afternoon. Commuters were seen walking on foot on the bridge and other parts of central Kolkata.

The BJP had called the march to the Secretariat to protest against the "corruption of the Trinamool Congress", particularly after the arrest of heavyweights Partha Chatterjee and Anubrata Mondal. West Bengal Chief Minister is on an administrative tour to the districts of south Bengal.

Kejriwal attempts to make a mark in poll-bound Gujarat

AAP is trying to become the main challenger to BJP in State

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

From riding an autorickshaw to visiting schools and temples and announcing sops for different constituencies, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has taken the ruling BJP head-on in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's native State of Gujarat, where Assembly election is scheduled to be held in three months.

Since March this year, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo has made a dozen trips to Gujarat. He has visited various regions, addressed rallies, offered prayers at temples and held town hall meetings with different communities in a bid to position the AAP, a new entrant in State politics, as the main challenger to the ruling party that has been in power since 1998.

Point of view: AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal interacting with local people in Rajkot on Saturday. • PTI

So far, he has announced a wide range of pre-poll sops, including free electricity, unemployment allowance to youth, monthly allowance to women, stipend to new lawyers and free education and healthcare services for all.

On Tuesday, he said the Congress was "finished in Gujarat" and claimed that the AAP was the principal challenger in the State. He reiterated that the BJP was rattled with the rise of the AAP in the State.

On Monday evening, the Delhi Chief Minister had dinner at an autorickshaw driver's home in Ahmedabad's Ghatlodia, which is the Assembly constituency of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

Though BJP leaders in the State have publicly dismissed the challenge from the AAP, calling it a "media hype", privately they talk about the "disproportionate visibility" the AAP and Mr. Kejriwal have generated ahead of the high-stakes election.

"He has been able to generate visibility and has become a talking point of discussions," a State BJP leader admitted.

Gujjar divide reveals fault lines in Rajasthan Congress

Resentment on various issues creating dispute among leaders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The mobilisation of Gujjars on caste lines in Rajasthan has promoted divisions in the ruling Congress, with the rival factions attacking each other with the hope of getting political dominance ahead of next year's Assembly election. The resentment of Gujjars on various issues, including reservation, is creating disputes and conflicts among the party leaders.

A ceremony for *Asthi Visarjan* (immersion of ashes) of Gujjar leader Kirori Singh Bainsla in Ajmer district's Pushkar Lake on Monday turned out to be an ugly show of factionalism in the ruling party. Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Ashok Chandna, who was heckled at the programme, challenged former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot. Both Mr. Chandna and Mr. Pilot belong to the Gujjar community.

Thousands of people from the Most Backward Classes (MBCs) had gathered for the ceremony, while a public meeting was organised before the immersion of ashes.

Leaders of both the Congress and the Opposition BJP were present on the occasion.

The audience heckled Mr. Chandna and Industries Minister Shakuntala Rawat, also a Gujjar, while raising slogans in support of Mr. Pilot. Some of them, upset over Mr. Pilot allegedly not being invited to the ceremony, allegedly hurled shoes towards the stage.

Chandna's challenge

Mr. Chandna, 38, the youngest Minister in the State Cabinet, sought to connect the heckling with a perceived instigation by Mr. Pilot. He took to Twitter and challenged the former Deputy Chief Minister, saying he could fight it out with Mr. Pilot.

"If Sachin Pilot becomes the Chief Minister by getting shoes thrown at me, then he should do so quickly, because I am not in a mood to fight today. The day I come to fight, only one will be left, and I don't want this," Mr. Chandna said in a tweet.

Mr. Chandna represents Bundi district's Hindoli constituency in the Assembly. He has been supporting Mr. Gehlot since the formation of the Congress government and had sided with him during the political crisis caused by Mr. Pilot's rebellion in July 2020. Gujjar youths and Congress party workers supporting Mr. Pilot have protested against Mr. Chandna several times, questioning his affiliation despite being a Gujjar.

'Neighbours' stop Secretariat work

Construction of office model shifted to a more convenient site, says Ministry

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Construction of mock-ups of an office for the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) project in the plot next to Bharatiya Janata Party president J.P. Nadda's official residence was abruptly stopped soon after it began in June, according to sources.

As a part of the government's larger redevelopment of the Central Vista area, three buildings of the new CCS are coming up at the site of the erstwhile Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) campus on Janpath.

The project was awarded by the Central Public Works Department to Larsen and Toubro Ltd. on October 27, 2021 for ₹3,141.99 crore, the largest contract given by the CPWD till then, and is currently under construction.

In connection with the CCS project, some mock-ups and a steel shed were to be constructed at 9 Janpath, an empty plot right next to Mr. Nadda's residence at 7-B Motilal Nehru Marg, according to the sources.

Some mock-ups were to be constructed at an empty plot, in photo, next to J.P. Nadda's residence. • R.V. MOORTHY

However, the work was stopped soon after it was started, they said.

A complaint sent to the Prime Minister's Office on July 9 and to the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on July 20 alleged that the work was stopped by the "next door neighbours".

Asked for a comment, a CPWD spokesperson declined, but added that the agency had already replied to the "PG complaint in this matter", referring to the public grievance redressal system. L&T spokespersons did not respond to requests for comment.

When asked for comment on the matter, a Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry spokesperson said the site was changed when a more convenient spot became available and that the construction of the CCS buildings itself would not be affected.

"One mock-up of the office is required to be constructed before carrying out large-scale finishing work in CCS buildings being constructed at the IGNCA plot between Mansingh Road and Janpath. Earlier, it was planned to be constructed at 9 Janpath as no suitable land was available nearby. Only preparatory work was taken up there," he said.

"Later, the Defence Ministry agreed to give land for providing storage and labour accommodation on a temporary basis in Princess Park on C-Hexagon, which is near the site and more convenient. It was therefore decided to construct the mock-up office at Princess Park. As the CCS building is still at the basement level, there will not be any impact on project timeline due to shifting of site for mock-up," the spokesperson said.

The first three buildings of the CCS are a part of 10 new buildings proposed to be built by 2026 to house all Union Ministries and provide for a conference centre.

Left parties flay order in Gyanvapi case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Sharply reacting to the Varanasi district court's order in the Gyanvapi case, the Left parties on Tuesday said the wrong interpretation of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, by a section of the judiciary would lead to serious consequences, including redefining the basic character of India.

"Wrong interpretations of the law by sections of the judiciary will lead to serious consequences of the kind that the law was meant to prevent. It is no secret that the ruling party is hell bent on a distorted interpretation of history to target minority communities," the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said in a statement.

CPI general secretary D. Raja called it a dangerous trend that "elected representatives are out to challenge a law passed by Parliament and are working towards redefining the secular nature of our country."

RSS chief visits temple on Congress invitation

RAIPUR

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat visited the Mata Kaushalya Temple at Chandkhuri on the outskirts of Raipur in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, on the invitation of the ruling Congress. The Kaushalya Temple, renovated by the Chhattisgarh government in 2020, is one of the many projects through which Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is portraying a connect between his government and Hindu deities and symbols.

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E-Procurement Notice
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
National Open Competitive Procurement
Name of the project: Construction of Flyovers at Chakkar Bypass (from Shimla side towards Totu), MLA Crossing (Boileauganj) (Shimla side to Bilaspur/Mandi road), Vidhan Sabha chowk (from Cart Road to Vidhan Sabha) and widening of road with Retaining wall at Victory Tunnel under SSCM.
Date: September
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Name of Work	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.) plus GST	Period of Completion	Estimated Cost (INR)	Date of availability of Documents	Last date & Time for submission of Bids
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2. Total No of Works : 01 (One) No.
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MAS/EGS/ET/20/2022-2023
DATE:12-09-2022
1) Name of work: Chennai Division - Electrical arrangements for Provision of Electronic Interlocking HUTS, MSDAC, Huts in various sections of Chennai Division
2)E-Tender notice number: MAS/EGS/ET/20/2022-2023 dated 12-09-2022.
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➢ Online application submission opens on : 12.09.2022
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IN BRIEF

'Focus on FTAs with developed countries'

NEW DELHI

Addressing the reconstituted Board of Trade here on Tuesday, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal argued for the need to sign more free trade agreements (FTAs) with developed economies. The Board of Trade meeting focused on export target setting, the new Foreign Trade Policy (2022 to 2027), and the strategies and measures to be taken in order to take forward domestic manufacturing and exports.

Debt-ridden Nagpur farmer found dead

MUMBAI

A 60-year-old debt-ridden farmer from Nagpur was found dead in his agricultural field here on Monday. The police said the victim, Rajiv Baburao Judpe, a resident of Pimpaldara village, allegedly killed himself after his crop got damaged in heavy rain. According to reports, five farmers have died by suicide this month due to crop failure in Nagpur.*(Those in distress may call BMC 24X7 helpline: 022-24131212)*

Nursery student raped in Bhopal, van driver held

BHOPAL

A three-and-a-half-year-old nursery student was raped allegedly by her school bus driver inside the vehicle in Bhopal, a police official said. The police have arrested the driver and a woman attendant who, according to the child's parents, was present inside the vehicle at the time of the crime on September 8. The district administration has demolished the "illegal" house of the accused driver on orders, said an official. PTI

BSF to have protocol for rescued cattle

NEW DELHI

The Standing Committee of Home Affairs headed by Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi, according to sources, has asked the Border Security Force to establish a clear protocol for rehabilitating the rescued cattle from smugglers on the Indo-Bangladesh border. As per the latest orders, they cannot be auctioned due to which they have to look for animal welfare organisations to hand over the cattle.

Three killed as trailer falls on car in Punjab

CHANDIGARH

Three members of a family were killed after their car was crushed by a loaded trailer in Punjab's Nawanshahr on Monday, the police said. The trailer truck, loaded with sand and stones, took a sudden turn on the Phagwara-Chandigarh National Highway near Behram and overturned on the car. A couple from Batala and their son, aged around 25, were killed. The trailer truck driver has been arrested for rash driving. PTI

384 drugs on essential medicines list

Ivermectin and mupirocin have been added, while ranitidine and sucralfate have been dropped

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Twenty-six drugs, including the common gastrointestinal medicines ranitidine and sucralfate, have been excluded from the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2022, released on Tuesday by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

A total of 384 drugs find place on the list with the addition of 34 drugs. Twenty-six from the previous list have been dropped. The medicines have been categorised into 27 therapeutic categories. The first NLEM was compiled in 1996 and was revised thrice in 2003, 2011, and 2015.

According to a Health Ministry official, drugs deleted from the NLEM include medicines banned in India and those having reports of concerns on the safety profile.

"Drugs also go off the list if medicines with better efficacy or favourable safety profile and better cost-effectiveness become available. Also if the disease burden for which a medicine is indicated is no longer a national health concern, it is deleted from the NLEM," the official said. In case of antimicrobials, if the resistance pattern has rendered them ineffective, the drugs are taken off the list.

The new list includes four drugs that are still under patent – bedaquiline and delamind used in the treatment of multiple drug-resistant tuberculosis, dolutegravir used to treat human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, and daclatasvir used in treating viral infections such as Hepatitis C, the Health Ministry said.

No drugs used specifically for the treatment of COVID-19 have been made part of the list as the committee in charge of the list is of the view that the clinical trials to check the efficacy of the drugs are not yet conclusive, it said.

Several antibiotics, vaccines and anti-cancer drugs are set to become more affordable with their addition to the list. Ivermectin, mupirocin and nicotine replacement therapy have been added. Endocrine medicines and contraceptives fludrocortisone, ormeloxifene, insulin glargine and teneligliptin have been added to the list. Montelukast, which acts on the respiratory tract, and ophthalmological drug latanoprost figure in the list.

Cardiovascular medicines dabigatran and tenecteplase also find place in the list, as also medicines used in palliative care. The drugs in the NLEM are included in the schedule category and their price is regulated by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.

In a tweet on Tuesday, the Health Minister said that several antibiotics, vaccines, anti-cancer drugs and many other important drugs would become more affordable, and the "out-of-pocket expenditure" on health care would come down.

"The primary purpose of the NLEM is to promote rational use of medicines considering the three important aspects – cost, safety and efficacy. It also helps in optimum utilisation of healthcare resources and budget; drug procurement policies; health insurance; improving prescribing habits; medical education and drafting pharmaceutical policies," he said.

Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health, stressed the need to enhance awareness regarding antimicrobial resistance (AMR) which she said "is emerging as a big challenge for our scientists and community and we need to create awareness in the society about AMR". Sudarshan Jain, secretary-general, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, noted that the pharmaceutical industry in India was a strategic sector that was recognised around the world for providing affordable and high-quality medicines.

Malini Aisola, of the All India Drug Action Network, said that the release of the NLEM, 2022, comes after a long gap of seven years, when it is recommended for an NLEM to be revised more frequently, every two-three years, to be responsive to changing health needs. She said that the industry associations had been rallying to keep patented medicines out of the NLEM which to some degree was successful.

"However, in respect of cancer, it is disappointing that more of the highly priced, effective treatments for various cancers have not been included in the list. It is positive that the diabetes section has been expanded to include teneligliptin and insulin glargine. However, there was a need to include more synthetic insulins and other classes of oral antidiabetics keeping in view the diabetes epidemic in the country ," she said.

Core medicine needs

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The list has **384 drugs** across **27 categories**

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SC hears plea on term of BCCI office-bearers

'3-year cool-off period is too stringent'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it is considering whether the three-year cooling-off period for Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) office-bearers should kick in only after they complete two consecutive terms in the apex cricket body.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud orally observed that imposing a cooling-off period of three years after only one term in office would be "too stringent".

"A cooling-off period of three years after just one term of three years in office is really too stringent. People should be allowed to get acquainted... You will have networks, deal with international counterparts," Justice Chandrachud remarked. The court's suggestions came while examining a plea by the BCCI for permission to amend its constitution.

The "cooling-off period" was a major recommendation made by the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee to reform cricket administration in the country.

However, the court did not *prima facie* agree with the BCCI proposal to remove the bar on sending persons above 70 years of age to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"Why should you have 75-year-old representing us in the ICC? Let younger people represent us in the ICC," Justice Chandrachud said

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta replied that it would be beneficial for the nation to have veterans in the ICC.

"Their word will count and will be respected. They will have stature and can negotiate in the ICC," Mr. Mehta said.

"Let people after 70 give way to the younger generation. I mean, there may be fantastic doctors and lawyers at 70, but this is sports... We are not compelling you to send a 20-something person to ICC, you could send a 60-plus... Don't tell us Cricket Australia and the English Cricket Board have only people who are above 70," Justice Chandrachud said.

The court asked *amicus curiae*, senior advocate Maninder Singh, to prepare a chart with the draft changes on September 14. The court said it would hear the case on Wednesday.

The case is significant for the BCCI as the date of amendments may decide the tenures of its president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

Centre hanging up on 1098; children will have to call 112

Many puzzled at the nature of 'integration' of the helplines

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The only dedicated helpline for children, Childline 1098, running successfully for the past 26 years as a partnership between civil society and the government, will be integrated with the national emergency number 112, the Union government has informed the States and the Union Territories.

A September 12 letter from the Union Women and Child Development Ministry has asked them to identify a State-level nodal officer and second-level officers to support C-DAC and provide a building or space for setting up a control room for takers of calls on the child and women helplines. The guidelines on Mission Vatsalaya, issued by the Ministry in August, mentioned integration of the two helplines.

In March 2021, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani told press-persons during an interaction that Childline 1098 would be moved from the administrative control of the Women and Child Development Ministry to the Home Ministry. However, the civil society is up in arms because Childline 1098 has been a very effective and successful project, and is meant exclusively for children unlike 112, which deals with emergencies related to police matters, health and women's safety.

They fear that with the police becoming first responders to calls from children, there may be a drop in reporting of offences.

80 lakh calls

Childline is run as a private trust called Childline India Foundation which is funded by MWCD.

Set up in 1996 as a project at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, the child helpline now receives 80 lakh calls a year and has a presence in nearly 700 districts in the country through over 1,000 intervention units, which include help desks at railways stations and bus stands.

These units also typically have phone operators, who are sometimes children rescued from the streets, social workers or counsellors.

Childline officials have also written to the Ministry to understand the nature of integration, but have so far been kept out of any dialogue, it is reliably learnt.

"Childline 1098 is not just an emergency helpline. It provides a range of services to children and, therefore, the transfer to the Home Ministry is very odd. It is assumed that once police teams receive a call on 112, it will be transferred to 1098. But there is no clarity. However, police personnel should not be the first responders as they can't provide support and counselling children need. I can say that from my experience as the former Joint Commissioner of Police in Delhi where I have handled police control rooms," Amod Kanth, founder of Prayas, an NGO, said.

His NGO runs seven 1098 centres in Delhi and provides emergency intervention on the ground.

Tally oxygen shortage deaths: panel

MPs' committee says Ministry denying such mortalities, upset at its 'ignorance'

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The Centre could not accurately anticipate the gravity of the possible resurgence of the COVID pandemic and its subsequent waves, the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, in its report "Vaccine Development, Distribution Management and Mitigation of Pandemic COVID-19", has said.

The panel said it was disturbed that the Health and Family Welfare Ministry had denied COVID-19 deaths due to oxygen shortage in the country. The committee said there were no definite guidelines for identifying the deaths due to inadequate supply of oxygen.

Death audit

"Oxygen shortage is not noted as a cause of death in the medical records and most of the deaths were attributed to co-morbidities. The committee is disappointed at this utter ignorance by the government and strongly recommends the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to examine the number of deaths due to oxygen shortage, especially during the second wave of COVID-19," the committee said.

It has now recommended that the Ministry, in coordination with the States, must audit the deaths due to oxygen shortage and enable robust documentation of the COVID-19 deaths that will, in fact, generate a responsive and responsible sense of government and cautious formulation of policy and help combat situational healthcare emergencies.

The committee further expects more transparency and more accountability from the government agencies. The Ministry must meticulously examine the oxygen-stricken deaths and ensure that proper compensation was accorded to the families of the victims, it noted.

The committee, headed by Rajya Sabha member Ram Gopal Yadav, presented the report on Monday to the Chairman of the Upper House. Speaking about the second wave, the committee said that "even when the trajectory of COVID-19 cases in the country registered a decline in the aftermath of the first wave, the government should have continued its efforts to monitor the resurgence of COVID-19 situation and its possible outrage in the country".

Despite the Health Ministry's repeated caution to maintain the vigil, many States were unable to cope with the uncertainties and medical emergencies in the wake of the pandemic resurgence during the second wave that caused more than five lakh registered deaths.

The committee said that India was one of the countries with the heaviest burden of COVID-19 cases in the world. The enormity of the population of the country posed a major challenge in the face of the pandemic. With the fragile health infrastructure and the huge shortage of healthcare workers, the country witnessed tremendous pressure, it added. The committee said that it had taken into account that there was still a lack of concrete evidence on whether the coronavirus reached humans via a laboratory incident, and said that India should look into biosafety and biosecurity issues.

It recommended that genome sequencing be made part of an effective virus containment strategy and appreciated the government's role in providing COVID-19 testing infrastructure.

Taking stock: Relatives of patients waiting in a long line to get oxygen during the second wave of the pandemic. • FILE PHOTO

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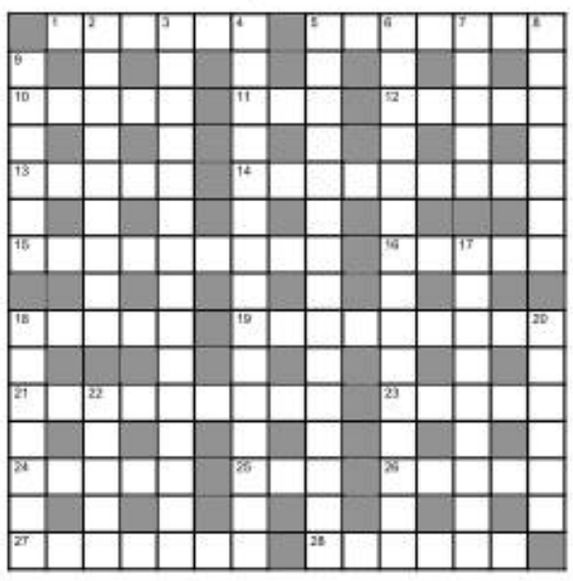
SCAN



Across

1 Almost 'sleepless' city (6)
5 First point made in an open court perhaps (7)
10 John's operating principle (5)
11 Argument results after agent gets high with this drink (3)
12 Staff working for nobleman (5)
13 Just don't start to panic! (5)
14 Getting used to run-in and meet sorts (9)
15 Engagement with that trouble making, striking trade union (9)
16 Shakira's ex is hurt (5)
18 Remdesivir usually limits this microbe (5)
19 Charm is about living in a sin as part of destiny (9)
21 Reed wrung out, had come up from beneath (9)
23 Buyer wanting large piece of rock (5)
24 No-limits party lingo (5)
25 Basically atmosphere is route to relay (3)
26 British Royal having fresh air of a wild rose (5)
27 R = Archie (3,4)
28 Spent days around the empty stable (6)

Down

2 One who gives up hate is disheartened, overcomes pessimism halfway (9)
3 7 letters for years spent in office (6,2,7)
4 Heterosexual, progressive and uncomplicated (15)
5 Big claim proven wrong like Zyzzyva and Zythum (6,5,5)
6 Brief topic about 600 feet of high speed data connection (5,5,5)
7 Eagle may shelter here finally, around one's nest (5)
8 Free internet not right for this girl (7)
9 Small vehicle with a black Egyptian symbol (6)
17 One field managed and led by frauds partly with competence (9)
18 Pass over such headless liberal (7)
20 Trading volume at every diner (6)
22 Not having energy, refused to return, had lunch (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13659

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

7	9	1	6	2	8	3	4	5
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FAITH

Benefits of Sat Sanga

The crux of Kapila's instruction to Devahuti is bhakti. He shows how bhakti can grow into jnana in an atmosphere of Sat Sanga, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse.

Kapila waxes eloquent about the sadhus who serve as living examples of devotion, renunciation and total detachment to worldly attractions even when engaged in their daily chores. The Lord says that only after many births of striving does one get the chance to be in Sadhu Sanga that can confer untold spiritual benefits by providing the chances to cultivate many good qualities that make life meaningful. Such realised souls do not have any foes in life. So they have nothing to fear. They are always calm. They have controlled the senses and have conquered anger. Anger and desire are the cause of mental and physical unrest in people. Their exclusive devotion to God is hailed as 'ananya' bhakti or Advaita bhakti. They exemplify many admirable traits such as tolerance, compassion, absence of hatred, and so on. They are not affected by the ups and downs in the course of their personal life. They have the ability to bear the effects of the pairs of opposites that constantly erode our physical and mental strength. This quality is called Titiksha.

At the same time, they are very sensitive to human suffering and their hearts will melt to go out to help those in distress. These ideals they stand for straightaway appeal to our hearts even without our intellectual comprehension of their essence. With no effort on one's part it will be easy to cross janma. The way is quick. A deer caught in the mouth of a tiger may or may not escape. But for a bhakta once in Sat Sanga, there is no escape from the right path to moksha. He is safe in the company of the realised soul who will see to it that he moves towards salvation.

49 Armenian soldiers killed in clashes

Country appeals to world leaders for help, saying Azerbaijani forces are trying to advance on its land

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
YEREVAN

Armenia said on Tuesday that 49 of its soldiers had been killed in the worst clashes with Azerbaijan since their war two years ago, but Russia said it had convinced the historic rivals to agree to a rapid ceasefire.

After several hours of fierce border fighting overnight, Armenia appealed to world leaders for help, saying Azerbaijani forces were trying to advance on its territory.

The fighting was the worst since the end of a 2020 war between the ex-Soviet republics over the contested Nagorno-Karabakh region that left more than 6,500 killed on both sides.

It came with Yerevan's closest ally Moscow – which deployed thousands of peacekeepers in the region after the war – distracted by its six-month invasion of Ukraine. Russia said it had succeeded in bringing the clashes to a halt, with the Foreign Ministry in Moscow saying a ceasefire had been agreed from 9:00 am Moscow time.

"We expect that an agreement reached as a result of Russian mediation on a ceasefire... will be carried out in full," the Ministry said in a statement, adding that it was "extremely concerned" by the uptick in fighting.

Armenia's Defence Ministry said later that clashes had subsided but that the situation on the border "remains extremely tense".

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan addressed Parliament on Tuesday morning, after calling French President Emmanuel Macron, Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to demand "an adequate reaction" to "Azerbaijan's aggressive acts".

"For the moment, we have 49 (troops) killed and unfortunately it's not the final figure," Mr. Pashinyan told lawmakers. Azerbaijan said it had also suffered casualties but did not specify the number killed.

The Defence Ministry in Yerevan said the clashes started early Tuesday, with Armenian territory coming under fire from artillery, mortars and drones in the direction of the cities of Goris, Sotk, and Jermuk.

"The enemy is trying to advance" into Armenian territory, it said in a statement.

But Azerbaijan accused Armenia of "large-scale subversive acts" near the districts of Dashkesan, Kelbajar and Lachin and said its armed forces were responding with "limited and targeted steps, neutralising Armenian firing positions".

Baku's long-standing political and military sponsor Turkey blamed Armenia and urged Yerevan instead to "focus on peace negotiations".

Image taken from a footage released by Armenian Defence Ministry on Tuesday showing Azerbaijanian servicemen crossing the border and approaching the Armenian positions. • AP

Charles visits Northern Ireland; Queen's coffin arrives in London

King pledges to 'seek the welfare of all the inhabitants'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

More than 26,000 people, as per an official count, paid their respects in Edinburgh to the Queen Elizabeth II at St. Giles Cathedral, queuing up through the night to file past her coffin.

In central London, authorities erected barricades along the pavements in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace and Westminster, in preparation for throngs of people expected to come to say goodbye to the Queen, whose body arrived in London on Tuesday evening.

Earlier in the day, King Charles III, the U.K.'s new monarch, and his wife, Camilla, the 'Queen Consort' as she is now known, visited Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, where the King met with a diverse group of political leaders at a reception, and faith leaders from various backgrounds [including Chinese, Muslim and Hindu] at a church service for the Queen. British Prime Minister Liz Truss was also in attendance at the church. There, he pledged to "seek the welfare of all the inhabitants" of Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein, the *de facto* political wing of the former Irish Republican Army (IRA), did not attend the ceremony proclaiming the King over the weekend, but its first minister-designate, Michelle O'Neill participated in the King's visit on Tuesday and offered her condolences.

Protests Curbed

While mourners, in the tens of thousands, paid their respects to the Queen, there have also been a few protestors trying to exercise their right to protest and - specifically - protest the institution of monarchy.

King Charles III

A group opposite the entrance to the cathedral held up blank signs to signify their right to protest, the *Guardian* reported. They were there because people were being detained for showing anti-monarchy signs, one protestor told the newspaper.

On Saturday, a 22 year old woman carrying a sign "F*** Imperialism", "Abolish Monarchy", was arrested and charged on "breach of peace" grounds.

On Monday, footage emerged on social media, of a 22-year-old man being pushed to the ground by an individual on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh after he heckled the Queen's son, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, who along with his siblings, was walking behind the vehicle carrying his mother's coffin on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. He was then taken away by a police officer and has been charged.

"Andrew, you're a sick old man," the man had said. The Prince had reached a settlement over allegations of having sex with a minor in the United States.

These were the arrests made for protesting.

Republic, a group campaigning for Britain to have an elected head of state, condemned the arrests.

"Free speech is fundamental to any democracy. At a time when the media is saturated with fawning over a king appointed without discussion or consent, it is even more important," the group said.

Censorship appears to have extended to media content as well. Segments of comedian John Oliver's show on *HBO, Last Week Tonight*, were edited out by *Sky* for the U.K. broadcast, as per reports.

The Queen's coffin left Scotland - a part of the U.K. that was loved by her - on Tuesday evening. The route of the journey from St. Giles Cathedral to the airport was lined by mourners, some taking photographs, clapping, some with bowed heads and others standing silently.

Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, was present at the airport to see the C-17 Globemaster aircraft off. The coffin was accompanied on the flight to London by the Queen's daughter, Princess Anne and her husband, Timothy Laurence.

Coffin Arrives in London

The Royal Air Force plane carrying the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II arrived in London late on Tuesday night. The body will be brought to Buckingham Palace - the Queen's home in the capital city.

From there, on Wednesday afternoon, the coffin will be taken to Westminster Hall, a 900 year old hall in the U.K. parliament complex, where the Queen will lie in state until the funeral on Monday, which world leaders are expected to attend.

'Massive strikes' on Ukraine front: Russia

Reprisal comes after blows in Kharkiv

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Russia said on Tuesday it was carrying out "massive strikes" across the Ukrainian front line and accused Ukrainian soldiers of abusing civilians in territories recaptured in a dramatic counter-offensive.

Moscow's retaliation came after it was forced to pull back its troops from swathes of the northeast, particularly in the Kharkiv region, following Kyiv's lightning assault to wrest back terrain.

The territorial shifts marked one of Russia's biggest setbacks since its troops were repelled from Kyiv in the earliest days of the nearly seven-month war, yet Moscow signalled it was no closer to agreeing to a negotiated peace.

"Air, rocket and artillery forces are carrying out massive strikes on units of the Ukrainian armed forces in all operational directions," the Russian Defence Ministry said in its daily briefing on the conflict.

"High-precision" strikes have also been launched on Ukrainian positions around Sloviansk and Konstantinovka in the eastern Donetsk region, the Russian Defence Ministry added.

Succession, Ted Lasso top Emmys; touts impact of TV

Lee Jung-jae the first Asian to win best drama series actor

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LOS ANGELES

Succession and *Ted Lasso* topped the Emmy Awards on Monday, in a ceremony that touted the influence of TV and extended honours to global sensation *Squid Game* and winners who delivered messages of empowerment.

The evening's uplifting tone, as voiced especially by Zendaya, Lizzo and Sheryl Lee Ralph, was in contrast to the darkness that pervaded the storytelling of best drama series winner *Succession* and even comedy series victor *Ted Lasso*.

"Thanks for making such a safe space to make this very difficult show," said Zendaya, claiming her second best drama actress award for *Euphoria*, about a group of teens' tough coming-of-age.

Drama awards

Succession, about a media empire run by a grasping and cut-throat family, split drama series honours with *Squid Game*, the bold South Korean-set drama about the idle rich turning the poor into entertainment fodder.

Lee Jung-jae of *Squid Game*, who played the show's moral centre, became the first Asian to win the Emmy for best drama series actor. "Thank you for making realistic problems we all face come to life so creatively on the screen," Mr. Lee said to *Squid Game* creator Hwang Dong-hyuk, who earned the Emmy for best drama series directing.

The achievements of *Squid Game*, *Abbott Elementary* and a few other shows didn't change the relative lack of diversity in this year's nominations, which included significantly fewer people of colour than in 2021.

French cinema giant Godard dies

Macron hailed the director's talent and mourned the loss of a 'national treasure'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ROLLE, SWITZERLAND

Jean-Luc Godard, one of the most influential filmmakers of the 20th century and the father of the French New Wave, died "peacefully at home" on Tuesday aged 91, his family said.

The legendary maverick blew up the conventions of cinema in the 1960s, shooting his gangster romance *Breathless* on the streets of Paris with a hand-held camera, using a shopping trolley for panning shots.

He continued to thumb his nose at Hollywood and an older generation of French filmmakers by breaking all the rules again in *Contempt* (1963) with Brigitte Bardot and *Pierrot le Fou* in 1965.

Jean-Luc Godard

"No official (funeral) ceremony will take place," his family said. "He will be cremated... And it really must happen in private."

The secrecy – and choosing to disappear in a puff of smoke – is typical of Godard, who loved to surprise the world from his lair in the Swiss village of Rolle where he lived as a virtual recluse for decades.

It was there that he died "peacefully at home", his wife Anne-Marie Mieville at his side, his producers said.

Godard's influence is hard to underestimate, with directors from Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino and Paul Thomas Anderson to Robert Altman, the maker of *M*A*S*H* and *The Player*, often speaking of their debt to him.

French President Emmanuel Macron hailed the director's talent and mourned the loss of a "national treasure".

"Jean-Luc Godard, the most iconoclastic filmmaker of the New Wave, invented a resolutely modern, intensely free art. We have lost a national treasure, a genius," Mr. Macron tweeted.

Godard's house, with green shutters and a green bench out front, looked empty on Tuesday, its shades drawn, with an abandoned ashtray and teapot on the windowsill.

Despite the filmmaker's often difficult relationship with critics, *The Guardian*'s Peter Bradshaw heaped praise on Godard, saying, "The last great 20th-century modernist is dead."

William Ruto is Kenya's President

ASSOCIATED PRESS
NAIROBI

William Ruto was sworn in as Kenya's President on Tuesday after narrowly winning the August 9 election in East Africa's most stable democracy, and quickly signaled that his leadership will be a strongly Christian one.

The Supreme Court last week rejected a challenge by losing candidate and long-time Opposition figure Raila Odinga of the official results, completing a markedly peaceful election in a country with a history of troubled ones.

The 55-year-old Mr. Ruto had been the deputy to outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta but had a bitter split with Mr. Kenyatta that left the two not speaking for months at a time. On Tuesday, the audience cheered as the two shook hands, and again as Mr. Kenyatta handed over the instruments of power.

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No.EO/DB/ Seeds/SOS/2022-23 Date: 12.09.2022
"e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION"(II nd CALL)
Tenders have been re- invited from registered Agencies / firms for Disposal of 192.65 quintal unfit soybean seeds, at UAS Dharwad. The details of the tender can be had through e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) For more details please contact **9448497353** during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications.	16.09.2022	Up to	16.00 Hrs
2	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.	19.09.2022	Up to	16.00 Hrs
3	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid.	20.09.2022	At	16.15 Hrs

Note: The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) during the entire tender process.
Sd/- Estate Officer
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-48. Date: 13.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Mode only)
E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License for the following works in the following 66KV Station in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere on PTK Basis.
Bid Enquiry No. : (1) KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/31/09.09.2022. Tender for Erection of 2 no's of additional 11KV MCVCB breakers at 66/11 KV MUSS Honnali in 220KV Division, Benkikere **(2) KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/26/30.08.2022** for Providing 11KV PCVCB breakers at 66/11KV MUSS Kadajji in TL&SS Division, Davanagere.
Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement Mode Only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink e-procurement-kptcl to participate in e-procurement portal on or after **14.09.2022.**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele).,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davangere.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that our Clients have negotiated for the purchase of the Schedule Property from its Owners **Miss Priya Mohan Verghee and Mr. Aman Ahmed.** Any Person's having or claiming any manner of right, tittle lien or interest in respect of the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 10 Days** from the date of this Publication, failing which, it will be presumed that there are no claims subsisting.
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All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property bearing **BBMP No. 2/1,** situated at Olieff Road, Moyen Ville Road, Langford Town, Bangalore. East to West 90 feet and North to South 55feet, Totally measuring 4400sqft and bounded on:
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West by : Olieff Road
North by : Property bearing No.2, Moyne Ville Road
South by : Property bearing No.1 Olieff Road
S. A. H. RAZVI Advocates
Unit No.S1, 2nd Floor, M.M. Complex, No.60, Chick Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore-560051.Ph: **9845049766**
14.09.2022 Bangalore

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chithradurga Dist Co-operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd.,
Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577 222.
IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281D/5065/2022-23 Date: 08.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only Logon to: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. Technical and Commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

Sl No	Particulars	Qty	EMD (in ₹)
1	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of 5kg Curd Containers (Bucket) with our art work to Shivamogga Dairy.	10,000 Nos	15,750/-
2	Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 3KL Capacity Bulk Milk Cooler Unit with standard accessories along with hot water system by heat recovery unit without DG set and on buy back of existing old 2KL capacity BMC unit and old Servo stabilizer at specified places of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga District area	05 Nos	1,12,500/-
3	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Caustic Soda Lye on liquid solution basis in 75kgs carboys and empty carboys on returnable basis to Machenahalli Shivamogga Dairy	1,30,000 Kg	2,00,000/-
4	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 25KVA Water Coolant Cooled DG Set along with accessories suitable for BMC units on turnkey basis and on buyback of existing 25KVA 02 nos DG Sets at Haramagatta and Siddarahalli BMC centers.	02 Nos	22,500/-
5	Supply, Erection and Commissioning of 20 KLPH capacity plate chiller for milk with accessories on buyback of existing 10KLPH capacity plate chiller at Tadagani and Honnali milk chilling centers.	02 Nos	35,000/-
6	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Seetul N 68/ Friz N 68/ Equivalent grade Ammonia Compressor lube oil in 210Ltr barrels to Machenahalli Shivamogga Dairy	20 Barrel	10,000/-

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from : 14.09.2022
2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : On or before 29.09.2022 up to 16 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 30.09.2022 at 17.00 Hours
4. Date of opening of Commercial Tender : 01.10.2022 at 17.00 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification & Terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees.
The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from A.M (Pur) during office hours, e-mail id: **dmpur.shimul@gmail.com Contact Numbers: 08182-246161, Mob: 7760971951**
Sd/- **Managing Director**

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INVITATION FOR e-TENDER (IFT) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER
(Two cover system through e-procurement portal only)
NO: HCMU: MKTG/TRPT TENDER: 3339/2022-23 Date: 08.09.2022
Hassan Co-operative Milk Union ltd. Hassan invites e- Tenders for Transportation of UHT Milk on Rate/Ltr contract Basis for the following

Sl. No.	Tender Name	Details				Capacity of the Vehicle
1.	UHT Milk Transportation for Defence Units	Tender are invited from Registered Transport companies for Transportation of UHT Milk From Hassan Dairy to Eastern command / Northern command / Central command ASC Depots. The Approximate quantity to be supplied for the year is given below:				25 MT
		Command Name	Sl. No	Station Name	Apprx Quantity	
		Northern Command	1	Pattan	1.30 Lakh ltrs	
			2	Dharmund	1.03 Lakh ltrs	
			3	Banihal	3.87 Lakh ltrs	
			4	Thalela	6.59 Lakh ltrs	
			5	Bhalra	2.50 Lakh ltrs	
			6	Drass/Kargil/Achinath ang	9.27 Lakh ltrs	
		Eastern Command	1	Chhangu	4.50 Lakh ltrs	
			2	Lungthu &Rongli	3.50 Lakh ltrs	
			3	Changasari	3.00 Lakh ltrs	
		Central Command	1	Karcham(Incl Jhakri)	3.50 Lakhs Ltrs	
			2	Pooh (Incl sumado)	4.75 Lakhs ltrs	

The Contractor can have access to the E-tender Documents through the following website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
The Calendar of events is given below.

1.	Access to E-tender Documents	**12.09.2022 to 26.09.2022 Up to 05.00pm**
2.	Last Date &Time for tender queries /clarifications	**25.09.2022 Up to 05.00 pm**
3.	Last Date&Time for Submission of tenders	**26.09.2022 , Up to 05.00 pm**
4.	Date& Time for opening of technical bid	**29.09.2022, at 11.00 AM onwards**
5.	Place of opening of technical and financial bid	**Hassan Milk Union Ltd, Hassan.**

The Details such as EMD, Cost of Tender forms, Terms and conditions of the tender can be obtained through the website **https: //eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** and the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Managing Director, Hassan Cooperative Milk Union Ltd.,

MARKET WATCH

	13-09-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,571	0.76
US Dollar	79.17	0.45
Gold	50,905	-0.32
Brent oil	92.42	-2.53

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	948.80	10.10
Apollo Hosp	4490.10	8.50
Asian Paints	3422.20	-10.00
Axis Bank	805.55	4.55
Bajaj Auto	3866.50	-3.80
Bajaj Finserv	1784.75	70.95
Bajaj Finance	7403.45	116.55
Bharti Airtel	784.25	15.10
BPCL	341.05	-1.55
Britannia Ind	3757.70	85.85
Cipla	1058.90	-5.85
Coal India	231.30	-0.20
Divis Lab	3667.60	-10.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4252.90	-8.25
Eicher Motors	3522.00	-16.95
Grasim Ind	1789.65	21.20
HCL Tech	955.40	-0.15
HDFC	2451.50	32.50
HDFC Bank	1513.10	19.55
HDFC Life	587.05	8.50
Hero MotoCorp	2870.00	12.10
Hindalco	436.65	5.50
Hind Unilever	2586.60	6.20
ICICI Bank	910.00	2.80
Indusind Bank	1163.80	26.95
Infosys	1544.95	8.75
ITC	334.40	3.50
JSW Steel	691.05	4.50
Kotak Bank	1923.40	-0.60
L&T	1991.35	29.45
M&M	1299.85	2.80
Maruti Suzuki	8926.50	-1.15
Nestle India Ltd.	19063.65	95.45
NTPC	167.40	1.00
ONGC	133.90	-0.10
PowerGrid Corp	226.80	2.85
Reliance Ind	2619.75	21.70
SBI Life	1324.40	18.40
State Bank	558.00	3.10
Shree Cement	23932.30	-202.80
Sun Pharma	890.15	2.45
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	849.00	23.50
Tata Motors	456.80	5.80
Tata Steel	107.75	0.00
TCS	3229.35	-13.60
Tech Mahindra	1147.45	-2.65
Titan	2705.55	44.40
UltraTech Cement	6896.30	26.70
UPL	755.70	-0.65
Wipro	422.65	0.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.95	79.27
Euro	80.22	80.55
British Pound	92.43	92.81
Japanese Yen (100)	55.51	55.74
Chinese Yuan	11.39	11.44
Swiss Franc	83.12	83.46
Singapore Dollar	56.60	56.84
Canadian Dollar	60.86	61.11
Malaysian Ringitt	17.51	17.59
Australian Dollar	54.47	54.74

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

IOB raises rates for domestic term deposits

CHENNAI

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced a special maturity period of 1,000 days for domestic/NRO retail term deposits at 6.50% interest rate for senior citizens. For others, the lender would offer 6%. IOB also raised interest rates across all tenors on fixed deposits.

Siemens unveils digital transformation platform

MUMBAI

Siemens has introduced a platform 'Siemens Xcelerator' in India to accelerate digital transformation and value creation of large enterprises and MSMEs. "Siemens Xcelerator will help to create a powerful ecosystem of partners, who can jointly accelerate digital transformation tailored to specific business goals," said MD and CEO Sunil Mathur. "Our aim is to help companies to increase performance and sustainability," he added.

GST Council is a fledgling but vibrant institution, says FM

All Council members equal, no artificial line between Centre, States: Sitharaman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council is still a fledgling five-year old institution that has yet to become well-settled, but acts as a vibrant forum for intense interactions between the Centre and the States, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

"GST (Council) is... a five-year-old and I don't know if it has completely accomplished on very many things which are committed. It's happening, rapidly happening and there's a lot of vibrancy in the Council," Ms. Sitharaman said at the Delhi School of Economics.

Evolving compact: Centre-State interactions are 'continuously happening' at the GST Council, says Sitharaman. • PTI

Ms. Sitharaman was reacting to a 'powerful case' made by Fifteenth Finance Commission chief N.K. Singh to set up a Fiscal Council with the Centre and States, and another such body to act as a bridge between the GST Council and the Finance Commission. She was speaking at a discussion on a book Mr. Singh has co-authored with P.K. Mishra, the principal secretary to the Prime Minister, titled 'Recalibrate: Changing Paradigms'.

"Interestingly, we have not had the GST Council having a full-fledged, well-developed, 'it is all settled and it's running' kind of a situation yet," she noted, emphasising that Centre-State interactions were 'continuously happening' at the Council.

"The GST Council [meetings] are all intense interactions between the Centre and the States in the capacity of the Council. When we are seated there, we are seated as equal members. There are no artificial lines between the Centre and the States in the Council," Ms. Sitharaman asserted.

Rupee can take care of itself, says CEA

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NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said India was not defending the rupee and that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was taking necessary steps to ensure that the movement of the rupee was gradual and in line with market trends.

He further said that the rupee was being managed in a manner that reflected the fundamentals of the economy. "India is not defending the rupee... I don't think Indian fundamentals are such that we need to defend the rupee. The rupee can take care of itself," he said at an event here.

In August, the rupee had touched an all-time low of 80.15 against the dollar.

Damodaran to lead panel on PE, VC investments

Group to help ease regulatory hurdles

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Tuesday constituted an expert committee under the chairmanship of former SEBI chairman Meleveetil Damodaran with a view to identify measures to unravel regulatory hurdles for venture capital and private equity investors.

The committee – announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in this year's Budget – has been tasked with undertaking a comprehensive systemic study of the 'end-to-end frictions' and 'potential accelerants' from regulatory policy and taxation to facilitate 'ease of investing' as well as encourage investments into India.

M. Damodaran

Poonam Gupta, D-G, National Council for Applied Economic Research and former RBI executive director and SEBI member G. Mahalingam have been drafted in as panel members, along with former GST member of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs D.P. Nagendra Kumar.

Buch sees no role for SEBI in IPO pricing

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MUMBAI

SEBI has 'no business' suggesting IPO pricing for new-age tech companies, and it is the investment bankers who should allay any concerns around the issue, Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said.

Ms. Buch said that companies need to be more forthcoming on disclosures on how valuations have changed between a pre-initial public offering (IPO) placement of shares and the price which is being asked for in the issue.

"At what price you choose to do your IPO is your business," she said.

"You are free to price the issue at whatever price you consider appropriate," Ms. Buch added.

FPIs snap up bonds set to be added in global indices

Investors buy about ₹66 bn FAR bonds

REUTERS
MUMBAI

Foreign investors have stepped up purchases in a clutch of Indian government bonds that have no limits on foreign investment ahead of an anticipated inclusion of Indian debt in global bond indices, analysts said.

The RBI removed foreign investment caps for a number of securities under the 'fully accessible route' (FAR) in April 2020 to help meet a key requirement of index providers.

"The bonds under FAR will be a part of the index as there are no restrictions in that segment," Ashish Agarwal, Asia head of foreign exchange and emerging market macro strategy research at Barclays, said.

"If they are the ones that would be included, we can expect a premium to build between the FAR bonds and other Indian government bonds," Mr. Agarwal said.

Foreign investors have bought bonds worth almost ₹66 billion in this category in six weeks to September 9, even as they sold ₹18 billion of other government securities on a net basis.

U.S. inflation remains high despite easing

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON

Lower gas costs slowed U.S. inflation for a second straight month in August, but most other prices kept rising – evidence that inflation remains a heavy burden for American households.

Consumer prices surged 8.3% last month compared with a year earlier, the government said Tuesday, down from July's 8.5% and a four-decade high of 9.1% in June. On a monthly basis, prices rose 0.1%, after a flat reading in July.

But excluding volatile food and energy, so-called core prices jumped 0.6% from July to August. Rents, medical care services and new cars all grew more expensive last month.

Nifty rallies to 5-month high as FIIs turn buyers

Rupee strengthens to one-month high

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MUMBAI

Equities rallied for the fourth straight session on Tuesday with the Sensex jumping 455 points and the Nifty closing above the key 18,000-mark for the first time since April as foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained bullish on the domestic market.

The rupee climbed 36 paise to a more than one-month high of 79.17 against the dollar on Tuesday, tracking the dollar's decline versus its major peers and lifted by foreign fund inflows.

The Sensex surged 455.95 points, or 0.76%, to a five-month high of 60,571.08 points, with 24 constituents of the 30-share index ending in the green. The Nifty rose 0.75% to 18,070.05.

Analysts said the market rally was driven by FIIs who had turned net buyers.

'Sudden reversal'

"The ongoing market rally is primarily driven by the sudden reversal of FII strategy: from relentless sellers to relentless buyers," said V.K. Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. FIIs pumped in ₹2,049.65 crore into equities on Monday, BSE data showed.

"As long as oil prices remain low and equity markets higher, rupee can remain well supported," said Anindya Banerjee, VP, Currency Derivatives & Interest Rate Derivatives at Kotak Securities.

Vedanta JV to invest $19.5 bn in chip project

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Vedanta Ltd. and Taiwan's Foxconn will invest $19.5 billion (₹1.54 trillion) under a pact signed on Tuesday to set up a semiconductor project in Gujarat, PM Narendra Modi's home State.

Reuters was first to report the joint venture obtained subsidies, including on capital expenditure and electricity, from Gujarat.

They plan to build separate units for semiconductor and display production near the western State's largest city, Ahmedabad.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel said the venture would create more than 100,000 jobs, and the State was prepared to extend any support to the project.

Russia's Rosatom eyes EV battery, carbon-fibre ventures with India

Russian entity building Europe's largest lithium battery unit

P. SUDHAKAR
SOSNOVY BOR (RUSSIA)

Russia's Rosatom State Nuclear Energy Corporation, a global nuclear energy solutions provider, is ready to cooperate with India in various fields, including lithium batteries, carbon fibre, nuclear medicine, modern radiation technology and wind energy, a top official said.

"We are ready to join hands with our Indian partners for setting up lithium battery production units," said Vadim Titov, president, Rusatom - International Network, an arm of Rosatom.

The entity is set to establish Europe's largest lithium battery production facility in its homeland in the wake of the rapidly increasing demand for electric vehicles across the globe.

Vadim Titov

During an informal chat with three select Indian journalists, who were recently taken to the Leningrad Nuclear Power Station, Russia's largest nuclear complex, Mr. Titov said Rosatom was establishing very huge lithium battery plant in Russia, probably the largest in Europe as it believed that energy-storage approach would be a part of the future.

He also said Rosatom, was open to cooperation with India in other emerging areas such as carbon fibre and wind energy.

Rosatom is developing the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tamil Nadu.

(This correspondent visited Russia recently on invitation from Rosatom.)

Auto dealers seek protection from exit losses

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NEW DELHI

Auto dealers on Tuesday sought protection from loss in case of sudden exits of foreign automakers from the country besides equitable say in running of business through the model dealer agreement (MDA).

"There have been dealer agreements between OEMs and the dealers and primarily, it is a one-sided agreement," said FADA president Manish Raj Singhania.

He said through the MDA unveiled on Tuesday, the dealership community had tried to create a level-playing field between OEM (original equipment manufacturer) and dealerships.

Sanctions-hit Russia woos Indian travellers

Moscow, St. Petersburg see potential

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Sanctions-hit Russia is making an aggressive bid to woo Indian travellers to visit its key cities.

Its top two cities, namely Moscow and St. Petersburg, have sent tourism delegations to an ongoing trade event called OTM to onboard a large number of travel agents to sell tour packages and woo Indians.

"During the pandemic the tourist flow had dropped significantly," said Julia Kuzenskaya, Deputy Chair, Committee for Tourism Development, St. Petersburg. "For St. Petersburg, it dropped 72%. In that period, internal tourism witnessed a significant growth. Now, we can see the urge of Indians to visit our destinations," she added.

"Now, more Indians are traveling to Moscow and there is no problem in payments," said Alina Arutyunova, Deputy Chairman of the Moscow City Tourism Committee.

'Sunflower oil imports rose 90% in August'

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NEW DELHI

After the Ukraine crisis, Russia and Argentina have emerged as major suppliers of sunflower oil to India as imports of the cooking oil jumped 89.6% to 1.35 lakh tonnes in August, according to the Solvent Extractors Association.

India, the world's leading vegetable oil buyer, is dependent on imports of sunflower oil, which constitutes 16% of the total edible oil imports.

"Russia and Argentina turn to be major suppliers of sunflower oil to India," industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) said in a statement.

SPORT

Two wicketkeepers who can make the difference in front of the stumps

Karthik's presence in the final stages is a nerves-calmer; Pant needs some leeway if he is to be a consistent match-winner

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

Of the two wicket-keepers in the Indian team for the World T20 in Australia next month, one has his role clear-cut while the other is still working it out.

Dinesh Karthik, 37, is the finisher, as crucial in the final five or six overs as batsmen in the first six. With his strike rate just a shade under 140, his presence in the final stages is as much of a nerves-calmer as Rohit Sharma's is at the top.

Rishabh Pant, 24, one of the most exciting Test batsmen in the world, has the talent and the chutzpah but is yet to translate that into success in the T20. The next couple of home series, against Australia and South Africa (six T20 matches in all), should determine his slot and style.

Play as opener

Perhaps he needs to open, perhaps bat at number three (if Virat Kohli opens) so he can better use the margin of irresponsibility in a team whose top three have been solid rather than spectacular.

Pant averages 43 in Tests, with a strike rate of 73. In T20, he has a strike rate of 126 from 58 internationals. Comparisons with Virender Sehwag, a great Test opener but disappointing in T20I (he played only 19 matches, though) focus on the ability of both batsmen to create boundaries off good deliveries.

Pant has been more outrageous in his shot-making, but a statistician has worked out that his Test runs were made with 83% conventional shots. Sehwag had said that opening in Tests was easier because there were more open spaces in the field and the bowling was more attacking.

Orthodoxy is not working

Pant is struggling in T20 not because he is unorthodox but because his orthodoxy is not working when there are fewer open spaces and the bowling to him has been wide outside the off stump. This has frustrated him and his batting has been pushed to the more extreme edge of the outlandish. The lower down he bats, the greater will be the pressure.

But a player of such skills (his wicket-keeping is good enough to find him a place in any format) needs to be allowed some leeway if he is to be a consistent match-winner. In T20 cricket, a quickfire 30 can be more valuable than a studied 80, but there are few batters in India's top half capable of throwing the opposition bowling into disarray.

Karthik and Pant... impact players. • AFP

India handled Kohli's dip in form well, allowing him time and space to work it out, and now the focus will be on Pant. In T20, he is like a piece of classical music being played at the wrong speed. An adjustment is needed.

Karthik, India's finest television commentator in recent years, once carried his kit to England 'just in case' even as he was garnering a new set of fans on Sky Sports for his measured, analytical, anecdotal style of commentary. Karthik's not-so-subtle hint to the Indian selectors amused both viewers and his fellow-commentators, but he has fought his way in, and it is not difficult to tell who's laughing now!

Karthik, called the 'Giorgio Armani of the commentary box' by Michael Atherton for his fashion style, is the lone survivor of India's first-ever T20 International, against South Africa in 2006. He played for India before Mahendra Singh Dhoni did, and is still there after Dhoni has retired. Their competition explains why he has played only 170 of the 808 internationals India have played in that period.

Bringing forth the skills

Karthik, who has opened in Tests, re-invented himself in the IPL as a batsman of rare acumen and creativity, surprising many with his quickness and ability to find the boundary consistently. With advancing age and experience most batsmen tend to prefer the reliable over the risky, but Karthik travelled in the opposite direction, discovering skills that lay untapped for long.

He didn't have a particularly distinguished series in England earlier this year, but showed in the IPL that he had two qualities vital for success in the format – a healthy disregard for personal statistics, and a willingness to experiment with the essential aim of batsmanship which is to get the ball across the boundary. Ironically, it is the oldest member of the side who seems to have assimilated best the philosophy of the shortest format.

There can be no holy cows in T20, which is an important aspect of the format India are beginning to understand. Experience is good, but sometimes inexperience can win you the day. Solidity is good, but sometimes recklessness matters. Batting orders, bowling changes keep altering. The coach in the dugout might have a bigger role than in the longer formats.

It is possible that both wicketkeepers were borderline selections, their experience trumping others' potential. It will be ironic (but not surprising) if they return as heroes of the World Cup.

Gasanova shock for Riske-Amritraj; Maria too strong for Ankita

The top-seeded American's serve fails to click as the World No. 147 registers her third win over a top-25 player; the German drops just one game against the Indian

CHENNAI OPEN

N. SUDARSHAN
CHENNAI

Top seed Alison Riske-Amritraj's stay at the WTA Chennai Open was short-lived as she was ousted in the opening round by World No. 147 Anastasia Gasanova 6-2, 6-3 at the SDAT Tennis Stadium here on Tuesday.

For someone who came into the tournament in decent form, having reached the fourth round at the US Open, it was a dispiriting loss.

Gasanova, no stranger to victories over top players, having beaten the likes of Elina Svitolina and Karolina Pliskova in the past, didn't need to play her best match.

Her American opponent turned in a disastrous service performance, holding just twice all evening, winning only 48% of her first-serve points and 27% in her second. "After the US Open I wanted to take a break," said Gasanova, after what was her third win over a top-25 player. "I had waited so long for the tournament but I had a terrible loss [qualifying first round].

"But I thought 'let me come to India and try'. I have the experience of beating top players. I reminded myself that I could do it. Had she played her best, she could have won. So, I had to be perfect."

Creating a ripple: Gasanova, who is fast developing into a dangerous floater, took out Riske-Amritraj. • K.V. SRINIVASAN

Skittish and tight

The start was anything but that. Both players were skittish and tight as they traded breaks in the fourth and fifth games. But Gasanova soon gained the upper hand, breaking in games six and eight to pocket the first set.

Riske-Amritraj, the World No. 23 who prefers fast surfaces, appeared to struggle with the medium slow nature of the acrylic here, overcooking her shots trying to play through the court. The safer option was to go cross-court just to keep the ball in play, which she did on occasion. But it wasn't a winning tactic. Gasanova relaxed early in the second set, conceding her very first serve. The next few games played out the same way the first set had – multiple breaks of serve before the 23-year-old Gasanova took control.

Towards the end, Riske-Amritraj's forehand – more of a steer and less of a shot – broke down completely and it was no surprise when she sent one long on match-point. As the evening wore on, the paying public were in for more disappointment as Ankita Raina fell 0-6, 1-6 to fourth seed Tatjana Maria.

Full of slice

The German, cheered on by her two cherubic daughters from courtside, sliced her way through practically every shot, even on the forehand wing.

That left Ankita to do the heavy-lifting – picking up low balls, generating the pace and finding the right angle – all of which proved beyond her.

"I am really happy," Maria said, after the win. "I just wanted to make her play as many balls as possible. My slice is basically my game and it worked really well."

Wednesday's order of play

- *Centre Court*
- Rebecca Peterson vs. Linda Fruhvirtova
- Karman Thandi vs. Eugenie Bouchard
- Katarzyna Kawa vs. Rebecca Marino

The results (first round): Anastasia Gasanova bt Alison Riske-Amritraj (USA) 6-2, 6-3; Tatjana Maria (Ger) bt Ankita Raina 6-0, 6-1; Katie Swan (GBR) bt Arianne Hartono 6-1, 6-2.

Carol Zhao (Can) bt Olivia Tjandramulia (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; Oksana Selekhmeteva bt Despina Papamichail (Gre) 6-3, 6-1; Nadia Podoroska (Arg) bt Kyoka Okamura (Jpn); Rebecca Peterson (Swe) bt Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (And) 6-2, 7-6(4); Magda Linette (Pol) bt Moyuka Uchijima (Jpn) 6-4, 6-0; Varvara Gracheva bt Mariia Tkacheva 6-3, 6-2.

Rousing welcome

Joy unbound: The Sri Lankan cricketers brought cheer to the island nation, which is reeling under an economic crisis, with the Asia Cup triumph. • TWITTER@SRILANKACRICKET

Wanted – more pragmatic approach in match scheduling

The selectors would get a better idea of the talent and potential available

DULEEP TROPHY

S. DINAKAR
SALEM

A part of the cricket caravan has moved here for the North-South Duleep Trophy clash from September 15.

Hopefully, the much-maligned competition in Indian cricket is here to stay.

Welcome return

A tournament that celebrated domestic cricket and served as a selection trial for Tests was reduced to no more than a circus by some powerful satraps in the BCCI.

So what emerged in a format designed to probe skills in the game's longer version was a comical competition played as a day-nighter with coloured clothing and pink ball, with teams robbed of their identity.

So instead of North, South, West, East and Central, who brought with them regional pride and competitive edge, there was India Red, Blue, Green and so on.

Wiser counsel

Thankfully, wiser counsel prevailed in the BCCI and the Duleep Trophy has returned in its original format.

But then, the Board has slipped up on one crucial front – scheduling. Here the BCCI will do well to learn from the foreign boards who rarely allow their domestic competitions to be diluted.

There is little point in holding the India-New Zealand 'A' series, including First Class matches, and the Duleep Trophy at the same time.

From an Indian perspective, both competitions cut into and cannibalise each other.

Missing a trick: The BCCI could have done better than host the Duleep Trophy and the 'A' series at the same time. • S.S. KUMAR

Don't the selectors want to see a glittering talent such as Yash Dhull against New Zealand-A?

The same applies to Shahbaz Ahmed, a skilful left-arm spinner and a free-stroking southpaw. He is as natural as they come.

Looking at it the other way, does not the Duleep Trophy deserve the cream of the domestic talent that is now playing New Zealand-A?

The 'A' tour is an important concept and the exchange of such series has helped Indian cricket immensely.

However, with a little tinkering of dates, the strongest possible side could be fielded for Duleep and the best of the best could be on view in the India 'A' series just a few days later.

This way, the Duleep Trophy will have more depth and the performances here will have greater value.

Better idea

And the selectors too would get a better idea of the talent and potential available when Prasidh Krishna or Shardul Thakur test the emerging batters in the Duleep Trophy.

Why cannot there be a 'win-win' situation with a slight adjustment of dates?

Kohli a great inspirational figure, says Ravindra

The Tendulkar-Dravid admirer swears by the value of Test cricket

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
HUBBALLI

The gritty fight against the odds to secure a draw in a Test match is one of cricket's unique delights. Rachin Ravindra could experience the gratification of saving a Test on his debut, for New Zealand against India at Kanpur last November.

He came in at No. 8 and played out 91 balls for his 18 not out. The last-wicket stand, with Ajaz Patel, was unbroken after 8.4 overs.

Great experience

On a rainy, windy evening in this small, beautiful Karnataka city, Ravindra breaks into his hearty smile when he recalls that effort. "It was a great experience, facing R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in front of a massive crowd," he told *The Hindu*, a little after the second 'Test' is rained off. "They are the best spinners in the world and were bowling in helpful conditions. If you could play those guys, you could play most spinners," he said.

The 22-year-old believes such games prove that Test cricket is not dying at all. "I think such draws are so exciting," he says.

Though he wants to do well in all the formats – he has already played six T20Is – he loves Tests the most. And among the current generation, the two men he admires most have been fabulous in Test cricket – Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson.

"I look up to them, both," Ravindra said. "Virat averages around 50 in all three formats and that is difficult to achieve. He is all class and plays with so much intensity. It doesn't matter if he doesn't score a hundred for two years. He inspires people."

The real thing: Ravindra revels in the challenges thrown up by the longest version. • KIRAN BAKALE

There are also two former Indian greats that he admires – Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid. His name is actually a combination of the first names of the two legends. His name also reveals that he has roots in India. In fact, he has many relatives in Bengaluru, where he caught the eye with his left-arm spin in the first 'Test'.

"I have both my sets of grandparents in Bengaluru, and uncles and aunts as well," he said.

"I will make sure they come and watch me play in the third 'Test' (which starts at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday)."

He must be hoping to make a big score opening the innings.

"Though I have batted lower down the order for New Zealand in Tests, which is understandable, I like being an opener," he said. "That is what I do in domestic cricket back home."

New Zealand-A coach Rob Walter believes Ravindra can be a genuine all-rounder. "Yes, I want to be an all-rounder," he said.

Qatar promises fans a great World Cup experience

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA

> **We want to make the tournament affordable to all**
> NASSER AL KHATER, CEO, Qatar World Cup 2022

Sun, desert and sea have come together in Doha to welcome the football aficionados of the world with the slogan of universal brotherhood that is so intrinsic to the sport.

With a little over two months left for the start of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, the messages of 'Now Is All' and 'One World One Home' embraces the visitor looking to familiarise with the sights and sounds of the country that will host football's biggest spectacle.

The FIFA World Cup has stimulated the creation of an ultra-modern infrastructure in Doha that can outshine any big city in the world in terms of sophistication. Tall buildings, inspired by the concept of futuristic cities, jostle for space with spectacular high-rise structures inspired by the conventional Arabic design, offering a beautiful montage of tradition and modernity. And the facades of many of these constructions adorn giant pictures of popular footballers eclectically drawn from the nations participating in the upcoming event. This is a great way to receive the fans who will be thronging Qatar to cheer for their favourite stars. In fact, all the eight stadiums featuring in the World Cup final stage fixtures are spread within a radius of 55km, making it easier for the fans to commute.

The Supreme Committee (SC), constituted from the political and administrative leadership of Qatar, stated that 2.5 million tickets have already been sold for the World Cup. This means that there will be around 1.3 million fans in the country that has a population of 2.7 million. This is a big ask for a small nation, but the Committee is confident that the infrastructure will be able to accommodate the faithfuls.

"Accommodation will range from $80 to $120 per day. We are also allowing people to let out their villas to the international fans. We want to make the World Cup affordable to all," said Nasser Al Khater, CEO, Qatar World Cup 2022.

The Committee also clarified that Qatar will open up to the needs and requirements of the international arrivals, in particular their daily tipple.

"The sale of alcohol is allowed in Qatar and we will make it available at different zones during the World Cup. There are some misconceptions regarding the availability of alcohol around the stadium and we are working to make it normal like any other World Cup," he said.

For the fans travelling from different countries, the Hayya Card will be the only permit to enter Qatar.

"It is a multi-entry card and will act as a visa for the ticket holders. It will also allow the fans to book their accommodation and also provide free access to the Metro and local transport," said Yasir Al-Jamal, Director General, Supreme Committee.

The fans can also access the official website *www.qatar2022.qa* for all information about the tournament.

(The writer was in Doha recently on the invitation of Qatar Tourism).

Picturesque: The FIFA World Cup has stimulated the creation of an ultra-modern infrastructure in Doha that can outshine any big city. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Anand opens against Ponkratov

Arjun takes on Paravyan in the first round

SPORTS BUREAU

Five-time World champion Viswanathan Anand, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin and Mitrabha Guha will be part of the cash-rich 64-player *Chess.com* Global Championship online rapid knockout chess beginning on Wednesday.

The players, divided into eight groups of eight players each, play each round of four rapid games of 15-minute plus two-second increment. In case of a 2-2 deadlock, an Armageddon game will decide the tie.

Placed in Group F, Anand opens his campaign against Russian Pavel Ponkratov. In the same group, Raunak Sadhwani plays the 2005 World champion Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria).

Arjun • FILE PHOTO

Anand will play the victor in the Nodirbek Abdusattorov-Boris Gelfand match, while the winner of Raunak-Topalov clash will take on the winner of match between rating favourite Anish Giri and Women's World champion Ju Wenjun.

Arjun, the second strongest Indian player in standard ratings, is due to face Russian David Paravyan in Group E and Nihal Sarin plays Azerbaijan's Rauf Mamedov in Group G.

Vidit and Mitrabha are clubbed in Group B. Vidit plays Russian Alexey Sarana and Mitrabha plays title-contender Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland).

Schedule

The first round will be held between September 14-17, second round from September 21 to 24 and the pre-quarterfinals from October 2 to 9.

The eight group toppers will advance to the CGC Finals to be held in Toronto from November 2-7.

Vinesh enters 53kg repechage round

Other Indian women out of contention

WRESTLING WORLDS

SPORTS BUREAU

Vinesh Phogat booked a place in the women's 53kg repechage round in the World wrestling championships in Belgrade on Tuesday.

A 2019 World championships bronze medallist, Vinesh was beaten by Asian silver medallist Khulan Batkhuyag 7-0 in the first round but got a second lease of life when the Mongolian managed to enter the final. In her quest for a second Worlds medal, Vinesh will be seen in action on Wednesday.

Neelam Sirohi (50kg), Shafali (65kg) and Priyanka (76kg) also lost in preliminary rounds, but they could not make it to the medal race.

Trounced

Neelam, who defeated Hungarian Szimonetta Szeker 4-2, was beaten convincingly by two-time Worlds silver medallist Romanian Emilia Vuc with a 10-0 verdict.

Shafali was outsmarted by France's Koumba Larroque and Priyanka was trounced by Ecuador's Genesis Valdez with an identical 10-0 margin in first round bouts.

Sushma Shokeen (55kg) was pinned by Moldova's Mariana Dagutan in the repechage round when the former was leading 8-6.

LIVE TELECAST

WTA Chennai Open: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m. onwards
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
RSWS 2022: Colors Cineplex, Colors Cineplex Superhits, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Ten 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Thursday).

IN BRIEF

Siraj scalps five on Warwickshire debut

BIRMINGHAM

India pacer Mohammad Siraj on Tuesday took a five-wicket haul on his county debut. Playing for Warwickshire, Siraj took five for 82 in 24 overs to help his team bowl out Somerset for 219 on day two of the division one fixture. Jayant Yadav, also representing Warwickshire, ended with figures of 1 for 42. PTI

Kerala and TN post wins in South Zone basketball

PUDUCHERRY

Kerala and Tamil Nadu scored contrasting wins in the men's section of the South Zone basketball championships in Puducherry on Tuesday.

The results:

Men: Kerala 76 (Shanzil Muhammed 23, Sejin Mathew 15, Antony Johnson 12) bt Karnataka 64 (Anil 21, Aravind 17, Hareesh 12); Tamil Nadu 73 (Baladhaneshwar 10, Muinbek 10) bt Telangana 39 (Nathan Abraham 14); Andhra Pradesh 75 (Varma 21, Pavan Kumar 11) bt Puducherry 55 (Nandagopal 12).

Women: Tamil Nadu 70 (Sruthy 13) bt Karnataka 59 (Lopamudra 23, Niharika 10); Telangana 68 (Harshitha 22, Priyanka 16, Anusree 10) bt Andhra 51 (Varsha 19); Kerala 72 (P.S. Jeena 12) bt Andhra 39 (Pallavi 11); Telangana 57 (Harshitha 17, Priyanka 12) bt Puducherry 20.

Haaland threat looms large over Dortmund

German club could be wary of striker's ability to destroy defences

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Borussia Dortmund know only too well of Erling Haaland's ability to destroy defences in the Champions League, but the German giant may die by the sword it previously lived by when it visits Manchester City on Wednesday.

Haaland blossomed into one of the world's most feared strikers during two-and-a-half years in Germany, scoring 86 goals in 89 games for Dortmund.

Eight games into his City career, the giant Norway striker with a devastating turn of speed has already scored 12 times for the English champions.

"His numbers in all his career, not just here but when he was in previous teams, is quite similar," said City boss Pep Guardiola after Haaland struck twice in a 4-0 win at Sevilla to kick off City's latest quest to break its Champions League duck.

Extra spring in the step: Haaland would want to show his former club what it has lost. •AFP

"He has an incredible sense of goal."

Dortmund may provide the perfect breeding ground for Europe's top talents to develop in the early years of their career, but it cannot compete financially with the continent's wealthiest clubs, nor satisfy the ambitions of the world's best players in the long term.

Losing Haaland may prove the biggest loss of all with the 22-year-old threatening to rewrite records set by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi that many believed would remain intact for generations.

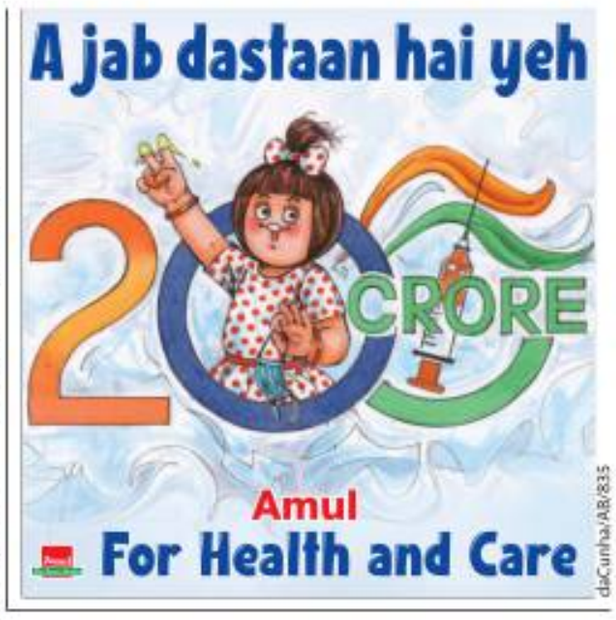
Haaland's double against Sevilla took his tally in the Champions League to 25 goals in 20 games.

Haaland's haul in the Champions League was also why City was so desperate to sign him as the successor to the club's all-time top goalscorer Sergio Aguero.

Under Guardiola, City has won four Premier League titles in the past five years and six in total stretching back over the past decade.

The past two seasons it has come agonisingly close, losing its first ever final to Chelsea in 2021 before blowing a two-goal lead in stoppage time of its semifinal against eventual winner Real Madrid in May. Any doubts that the recruitment of a superstar could destabilise the collective effort that has characterised City's success under Guardiola have been blown away within weeks.

Wednesday's schedule: AC Milan vs Dinamo Zagreb; Shakhtar Donetsk vs Celtic; Rangers vs Napoli; Chelsea vs Salzburg; Real Madrid vs Leipzig; Copenhagen vs Sevilla; Juventus vs Benfica; Maccabi Haifa vs PSG; Manchester City vs Dortmund.



Bangladesh downs India

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The Indian women's team suffered a 0-3 loss at the hands of Bangladesh in its third and final group match of the SAFF Women's Championship here on Tuesday.

M.S. Jahan Shopna netted a brace for Bangladesh, while Srimoti Sarkar got one to her name, to hand the defeat to India.

However, the loss had no impact on India's semifinal qualification, as the Blue Tigresses had already booked their spot in the last four, where they are set to take on Nepal on Saturday at the same venue.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Misaka shares honours with Kemp FC

Kemp FC was held to a 1-1 draw by Misaka FC in the KSFA women's super division football league at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Tuesday.

The results:

Parikram FC 4 (K.U. Spoorthi 2, Pakhila Boro 9, Sonali Mondali 77, 88) bt Roots FC 0; Kemp FC 1 (Sunita Sarkar 61) drew with Misaka United FC 1 (Nisila Majaw 67).

Century Cricketers finishes on top

Century Cricketers emerged the champion of the KSCA Group I, III division league here. It finished the league with 34 points.

The scores:

Engrades 237 in 46.4 overs (Asif Basha 71, Manoj Maruthi 63, S.K. Rathod 48 n.o.) bt Neptune 236 in 50 overs (Rayan Ahmed 49, Dhanush Vishu 27, Prajwal Krishna 57, Surya Vamshi 3/19).

Jolly Cricketers 199 in 44.5 overs (Preetesh 77, Yashas Suresh 5/35) bt Cavaliers 163 in 42.3 overs (Shreyas Gowda 63, Yashas Suresh 28).

Visweswarapuram (2) 230/6 in 50 overs (R. Shishir 26, Virender Singh 106 n.o., Dhruv Nayak 57 n.o., Chetan Jayatheertha 3/25) bt Hanumanthnagar 186 in 45.1 overs (J. Karthik 27, Sarafraj Ilabad 68, A.P. Bhaveesh 3/23, M. Adhokshaj 4/53).

RV College of Engineering 174 in 34.3 overs (H.S. Sumanth 67, N. Shreyas 26, K.S. Pavan 30, Saurabh Srivasthav 3/27) bt Visweswarapuram (1) 121 in 30.3 overs (B. Tanu 38, G.P. Likhith 3/11).

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 314/7 in 50 overs (J. Divakar 74, Mahesh Patel 60, M. Keerthi 71 n.o., S.K. Abhishek 48, Khaiser 30, Arvind 3/56) lost to Hammonds 318/5 in 41.2 overs (Tarun Manohar 57, Dhanush Subramanya 103, B.C. Vinay 74, N.G. Kushal 56 n.o.).

Ruling the roost: Century Cricketers, with 34 points, emerged the champion. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Malleswaram Gymkhana 154/9 in 25 overs (Gyan Somaiah 39, Rishav Appachu 26, Nischal Das 34, K.H. Manoj 4/30, S.P. Manjunath 3/25) lost to Century Cricketers 155/2 in 23.4 overs (Ashish Dhar 67 n.o., Harsha Wardhan 51) (overs reduced due to rain).

Aadharash, Mayura give Bangalore SC the lead

S.J. Aadharsh (94) and Mayura Lakshmikanth (5/40) helped Bangalore SC gain the crucial first innings lead against Cambridge CC in the KSCA under-16 inter-club semifinal here.

The scores (semifinals):

Bangalore SC 303 in 82.5 overs (S. Ananth 48, S.J. Aadharsh 94, Rishabh Kumar 68, Arnavv Sharma 33, Eesa Hakeem 4/80) and 63/2 in 19 overs (R.V. Rohit 33 n.o.) drew with Cambridge 163 in 69.2 overs (Mohammed Faiz 40, Nishchinth Parmashwar 31, Mayura Lakshmikanth 5/40).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 86 in 45.2 overs (Nanje Gowda 28, Bhuvan Gowda 3/30, Bhuvan Shivkumar 3/18) and 83 in 41.2 overs (Roshan Kumar 26, Bhuvan Gowda 5/31) lost to Vultures 188 in 50.4 overs (Arnav Mishra 72, Tejas Reddy 38, Roshan Kumar 3/60, R. Kushal 4/47).

Bangalore Dream United pips ASC

Bangalore Dream United defeated ASC 5-3 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Tuesday.

The result: Bangalore Dream United 5 (Jai Hari 35, Pasang Dorjee 46, 57, 64, Robin Chettri 51) bt ASC 3 (Chanambam Samandanda 15, Ajit Daulat 71, Tongbram Krishnakanta 90).

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